



2014 K MOTOR CITY KITTY SYRAH

Deep and mouth filling. It opens with wet stone, dry herbs and a decidedly earthy palate. It gives way to tanned leather and cool fireplace ash. Long and compelling it is my sole holiday release.

BLEND

100% Syrah

APPELLATION

Washington State

PRODUCTION

Yield: 2.3 Tons per Acre

Yeast: Native

43 Days on Skins

30% New French Oak Puncheons

22 Months Barrel-Aged on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

5.7 g/L Titratable Acidity

3.97 pH

14% Alcohol

UPC

184745001109

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

93 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

Editor's Choice - Full review coming soon!

96 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2013)*

"Hold onto your hats with this puppy, the 2013 MCK Syrah comes from the highest elevation parcels in Dick Boushey's Boushey vineyard, from altitude close to 1,300 feet. From three different clones (Phelps, 174 and 383) and aged 23 months in 30% new 400 liter puncheons, it comes screaming out of the glass with notes of gamey meats, black currants, lavender, flowers and black raspberries. Reminiscent of ripe Cote Rotie, it has full bodied richness, fine tannin, solid concentration and a great finish. Count me a fan and this fabulous Syrah will drink well for another decade or more."

VINEYARD

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

River Rock: Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

VINTAGE

2014 had an early spring and a wonderful, long summer with cool nights to help maintain great acidity in the grapes. Going into the fall, temperatures cooled down quite a bit throughout the state, and we were able to hang the fruit for a longer period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity, to produce bright, focused wines.



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