

# CHARLES SMITH WINES

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## OVERVIEW

When Charles Smith started K Vintners at the turn of the millennium, he was a newbie—an idealist looking to sell a little Syrah that he'd made. By 2007, his experiences led him to create a series of wines that reflect the way buyers of today consume wine: immediately after purchase. He was dissatisfied with the options he found in the marketplace, so *Charles Smith Wines: The Modernist Project* was born. The five principal wines bottled under this rubric are jammed with character of both their individual varieties and fruit sources, are beautifully balanced, easy to drink, and offer significant value. The four limited-release Syrahs come from a unique terroir (rocky & very windy) that causes the grapes to develop thick skins, limiting berry size, which concentrates the juice. Though not very strong values, they are explosively rich, majestic wines.

**Varieties:** Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah

**Total Acreage:** CSW purchases its fruit from growers throughout the Columbia Valley

**Average Production:** over 60,000

## WINES

### **Kung Fu Girl Riesling Columbia Valley**

One of the classiest Rieslings from the US: aromatic and minerally with fresh apricot and clementine notions colored by an elegant spice tone.

### **Eve Chardonnay Columbia Valley**

Apple-toned, fresh and exuberant Chardonnay—ample evidence that the direction of Chardonnay in Washington State is fresh and zesty.

### **The Velvet Devil Merlot Washington State**

Incredibly appropriate name for this Merlot—it is very easy to get into its cushy texture and beautiful, sweet fruit with a long, pure finish.

### **Château Smith Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley**

A classic Washington-state Cabernet Sauvignon—corpulent and curvy, it has dark flavors coupled with a refreshingly bright bristle of acidity.

### **Boom Boom Syrah Washington State**

A big, inky, smooth & fresh Syrah with dense black raspberry fruit it is a wonderful, lip-smacking exercise in moderation—making it difficult to consume in moderation....

### **Syrah Heart Royal Slope Columbia Valley**

Moderation is out the window with this and the other wines from the Royal Slope. Big, unctuous wine—moody and mouth filling, a compote of black fruit and complementary spices—yet still amazingly balanced.

### **Syrah Skull Royal Slope Columbia Valley**

Brooding flavors continue to dominate, with this cuvée generally containing more savory elements, including truffles and mesquite.

### **Syrah Old Bones Royal Slope Columbia Valley**

Dark, earthy, intense wine with full-throated length and tarry black fruit with roasted *herbes de provence* and spices.

### **Syrah Royal City Stoneridge Vineyard Columbia Valley**

Big and hearty with no loss of balance, this wine has more blue than black fruit, and a stripe of sunshine throughout.

## ACCOLADES

The **2007 Heart Syrah**, sourced from the Stone Ridge Vineyard in the Royal Slope. It was aged entirely in neutral oak. Earth, underbrush, truffle, brier, game, bacon, and blueberry aromas lead to a loaded, super-rich, unctuous, full-bodied Syrah. Mouth-filling, already complex, and multi-dimensional, it has exceptional length and impeccable balance. Give it three years to become a bit more civilized, and then enjoy it from 2014-2027.

**Dr. Jay Smith, *The Wine Advocate*, #190**