



2014 K Powerline Syrah

Damp earth, campfire and stone wafts up from the glass. It gives way to the density of flavor on the palate. Cured meats and olives abound. Tumbled river rock is the home of these vines. From the heart of Walla Walla to your glass.

Current & Past Scores

95 Points, Ranked #2 on Top 100 Wines of 2017, *Wine Spectator*

"The first Syrah release from a new vineyard, Powerline is a bold statement from winemaker Charles Smith. But what do you expect from the bad boy of Washington wine? Located just south of Walla Walla at an elevation of 1,200 feet, the 30-acre vineyard was planted by Smith in 2012. The site is an ancient riverbed containing well-drained soils, thick with cobblestones, sand and gravel, that produce about 2.5 tons per acre. Smith fermented the 2014 with native yeast and soaked it on the skins for 41 days before aging the wine 27 months in French puncheons, 53 percent of them new oak."

Vineyard

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

Powerline Vineyard (100%): A 30-acre estate vineyard, located over 1200 feet elevation. Powerline Vineyard was planted in 2012 in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, just south of Walla Walla in the Walla Walla Valley AVA. The soils are well drained with cobblestone river rocks and underlying layers of sand and gravel deposits, allowing vines to develop very deep and strong roots. The cobblestone rock was brought down river from the Blue Mountains and deposited on top of the ancient river bed. The deep sand and silt below the stones bring a great purity to the grapes, while high elevations keep acids high, producing very well-balanced wines with remarkable complex characters.

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 long period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity to produce bright, focused wines.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 2.4 tons per acre

Yeast: native

41 days on skins

53% new French puncheons

27 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.2 g/L titratable acidity

3.98 pH

14.5% alcohol

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