

# 2014 K The Beautiful Syrah

It begins with a profound darkness, then gives way to black olive, hung meat, dark fruit and herbs. Assertive yet feminine. What else, if not beautiful?

## **Current & Past Scores**

#### 97 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"Always one of my favorite wines, this is the first vintage completely from the Powerline Vineyard. The 2014 Syrah The Beautiful offers a sensational bouquet of camphor, black olive, pepper, damp earth and assort dark fruit. Ripe, full-bodied, unctuous, yet still seamless and elegant, it's a totally awesome red to enjoy over the coming decade or more."

#### 95 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2013)

"Coming all from the River Rock vineyard in 2013 (It normally has a small amount from another site), the 2013 Syrah The Beautiful is a complete, medium to full-bodied, seamless and perfectly balanced Syrah that lives up to its name. Giving up lots of blackberry, licorice, wet herbs and olive aromas and flavors, I love its overall focus, tension and purity, and it certainly doesn't lack for length. Give bottle 2-3 years in the cellar and enjoy through 2028."

# Vineyard

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

**Powerline** (100%): A 30-acre Estate Vineyard 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 and alcohol low, 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 longer period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity, to produce bright, focused wine.

#### **Blend**

96% Syrah, 4% Viognier

# **Appellation**

Walla Walla Valley

#### **Production**

Yield: 2.4 tons per acre Co-fermented with 4% Viognier Yeast: native 41 days on skins

50% new French puncheons20 months barrel-aged on lees

## Wine Analysis

6.0 g/L titratable acidity3.98 pH14.5% alcohol

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