



2016 K Charlotte

Gorgeous. Intriguing. Perfumed. Aromas, flavors and mouthfeel are a riot of deliciousness. All together like a thousand layered confection. Black cherry, lilac, olive tapenade, molasses and yuzu. Sound delicious? IT IS!

Current & Past Scores

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Wow. This is a fantastic field-blended red with aromas and flavors of blackberries, earth, meat, light chocolate and spice. Some green undertones add complexity. It's full-bodied, yet agile and bright. So complex. Like great Châteauneuf from the 1980s. A blend of 41% mourvedre, 36% grenache and 10% syrah, the rest counoise, grenache blanc and picpoul.."

96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (formerly of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate)*

"All co-fermented (not destemmed) blend of 41% Mourvèdre, 36% Grenache, and the rest a mix of Rhone varieties (some white), aged in neutral demi-muids, the 2016 Charlotte reveals a medium ruby color as well as gorgeous notes of kirsch, black cherries, mulled strawberries, spring flowers, game, and peppery herbs. Rich, medium to full-bodied, graceful and yet powerful on the palate, with silky yet present tannins, it's another stunning wine."

90 Points, *Wine Spectator*

"Tightly focused, with dense layers of dark berry, smoky garrigue and crushed stone that persist toward fine-grained tannins. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Cunoise, Cinsault, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul. Best from 2021 through 2025"

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

The 2016 vintage started early and warm in Washington State. When summer arrived, the season saw cooler evenings that helped retain acidity, extended the growing and ripening period into September and October. This allowed the fruit to gain more complexity and deeper charm without sacrificing the acid or producing higher alcohol content. The vintage has created deeply rich and focused wines that we will be able to enjoy for a long time to come.

Blend

41% Mourvèdre, 36% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 4% Cunoise, 4% Cinsault, 3% Grenache Blanc, 2% Picpoul (co-fermented)

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 2.4 tons per acre
100% whole cluster pressed
Yeast: native
45 days on skins
100% neutral French oak puncheons
28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.2 g/L titratable acidity
3.99 pH
13.5% alcohol
No residual sugar

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