



2016 K Powerline Syrah

Smooth like porcelain and aromas that echo the history of Syrah. Black pepper, forest floor, suede, pipe tobacco, lavender and flavors of the same and more for this earthbound wine. Dried plum, sarsaparilla, stone on tongue and green olive. Medium-bodied. Full-flavored. Flawless.

Current & Past Scores

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

"An 80/20 split of Cabernet and Syrah from a site in the Walla Walla Valley, the 2016 Cabernet / Syrah The Creator Powerline Vineyard offers lots of bloody black and blue fruit, black olive, beef blood, and pepper herb aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, rich, and concentrated, it has silky tannins and shows surprising elegance and finesse on the palate. It's a "Wow" wine that should be snatched up by readers."

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"This is a unique red with grilled meat and red beans. Veggie and tobacco notes, too. Full bodied, yet agile and vivid. Love it. Drink or hold."

93+ Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"...more robust nose than many of the other Syrahs in the range, with an open-knit expression of blackberry jus, dark cherry compote and soft, savory aromas over a core of dusty river rock. The medium to full-bodied palate shows an approachable wine that may not last as long as the other Syrahs in the range but is ready now. The wine has a tension that delivers pleasure with depth on the long finish that ends slightly hot."

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 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

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

100% Syrah

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 2.1 tons per acre
100% whole cluster pressed
Yeast: native
51 days on skins
58% new French puncheons
27 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.4 g/L titratable acidity
3.82 pH
13.0% alcohol
No residual sugar

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