

# 2016 K The Creator Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah

All is harmonious with The Creator, from aroma to palate and long, lingering finish. It exhibits blackberry, plum, licorice, campfire ash and continued layered black olive, dried herb, minerals, dark chocolate and pencil lead. Full-flavored, obviously suave and elegant. Hail The Creator.

### **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."

#### 92 Points, James Suckling

"This is a profoundly long yet elegant blend with an abundance of rich dark fruit that carries bold but contained into the palate. The cabernet leafiness pervades the finish and there's impressive freshness here. A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% syrah. Drink or hold."

# Vineyard

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

**Powerline** (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**

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**

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah (co-fermented)

## **Appellation**

Walla Walla Valley

#### **Production**

Yield: 2.1 tons per acre
100% whole berry fermentation (Cab)
100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah)
40 days on skins
65% new French barriques
20 months barrel-aged on lees

## **Wine Analysis**

5.5 g/L titratable acidity3.88 pH13.5% alcoholNo residual sugar

#### **UPC**

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