

K VINTNERS

2017 K POWERLINE SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

The bottling announces itself on first pour. Lavender, earth, cured meat and toasted herbs fill the senses and lavish your mouth with layer upon layer of 'Je ne sais quoi'! But, I do know Powerline Syrah.



VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Really spicy and peppery with lots of black-fruit and licorice character and some aniseed. Medium-to full-bodied with firm tannins and nice roundness at the end. Cloves and cracked pepper. Spicy. Drink or hold."

93+ Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (v2016)*

"...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."

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Varietal Breakdown: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard(s): Powerline Vineyard (100%)

Production: 2.4 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole cluster fermentation | 48 days on skins | 68% new French oak puncheons | 28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.32 g/L titratable acidity | 4.00 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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