



2017 K THE BEAUTIFUL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Beautiful, deep color. Aromatically mysterious like a great hand of cards played close to the vest. Black olive, cold earth, cured meat, tumbled river rock, cool camp ash, black and blue fruit live here in the dense and elegant elixir.

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 SCORES

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"This has wonderful, leafy character with hints of chocolate, tobacco and berries. Full-bodied, but not heavy. Firm tannins and a spicy finish. Very complex. Eccentric. A touch of viognier gives it an edge."

95 Points, *Anthony Mueller—Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"Dark purple to the core with a soft purple rim, the 2017 Syrah The Beautiful offers aromas of Walla Walla funk, with baked stones, stewed black fruit and lingering black spice tones with a hint of oak on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is expressive and pleasurable across the palate, showing impeccable balance and remaining slightly funky before ending with a remarkably long finish. Bravo!"

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

93 Points, *Wine Spectator*

93 Points, *Stephen Tanzer—Vinous*

VINEYARD

Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

Charles planted the 38-acre estate vineyard in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, located at over 1200 feet elevation. 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.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 96% Syrah; 4% Viognier (co-fermented)

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 51 days on skins | 40% new French oak puncheons, 20 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.1 g/L titratable acidity, 4.00 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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