



2018 K CHARLOTTE BLEND

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

My daughter's wine. At first whiff, it has incredible depth. Blueberry undergrowth, stone and a liquid minerality. Regal in the mouthfeel. Layered in the flavor spectrum. Savory to the living. A real beauty.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"A blend of Grenache, 36% Mourvèdre, 11% Syrah, and the rest Cinsault, Counoise, Grenache Blanc, and Picpoul, the 2018 Charlotte offers a medium ruby/translucent hue as well as a spicy nose of savory red and black fruits, cured meats, roasted herbs, and herbes de Provence. Nicely textured, medium-bodied, and elegant on the palate, it has ripe yet building, firmer tannins and outstanding length. Give bottles a year or two and it should have 7-8 years of prime drinking."

92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"An interpretation of Châteauneuf du Pape, the 2018 Charlotte Blend combines Mourvèdre with Syrah, Grenache and a touch of Counoise, Grenache Blanc, Cinsault and Picpoul, aged in used, large-format oak vessels for 24 months prior to bottling. The nose is gorgeous, featuring green bell pepper aromas, bacon fat, and shades of white pepper, with a pretty core of red fruits. Fresh and lively with a soft texture, this is already beautifully evolved and will continue to cellar well over the next eight years."

VINEYARD

Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

Charles planted the 38-acre estate vineyard in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, located 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: 39% Grenache, 38% Mourvèdre, 13% Syrah, 1% Cinsault, 4% Counoise, 2% Grenache Blanc, 2% Picpoul (co-fermented)

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 46 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.98 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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