



# 2018 K THE BOY GRENACHE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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I'm thinking Burgundy but I'm making Grenache. A bouquet of uncontrollable layers. Black raspberry, Alpine strawberry, licorice stick, white pepper and dark cherry. An inviting, satiny palate: forest floor, fireplace ash, hung game, summer rain and finesse. That makes me a total believer. The best Boy ever.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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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

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### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"A lovely grenache with ripe strawberry, white pepper and hints of hazelnut on both the nose and palate. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a spicy finish..."

### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Gorgeous framboise and ripe strawberry fruits as well as spice, herbes de Provence, and wildflower notes emerge ... elegant texture and outstanding length..."

### 94 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"...beautiful wet stone and red floral tones alongside orange rind and suggestions of green olive tapenade. Fresh and lively with plenty of finesse, a soft texture..."

### 93 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish*

"Sinewy and well-delineated, with expressive blackberry, bacon fat and warm gravel accents that build toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029..."

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

"... It displays a soft stemmy character, a vibrant, ripe red fruit essence and elements of dried orange peel and potpourri..."

## VINEYARD

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### 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

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Grenache

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster pressed, 44 days on skins | 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak puncheons

**Wine Analysis:** 5.5 g/L titratable acidity, 3.92 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001307

