



2018 K THE CREATOR CAB-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Cabernet Sauvignon reigns supreme in this dried plum, pencil lead, smoked meat, dark chocolate co-fermented knock out. Integrated, multi-layered and individual as can be. You almost have to take a step back with a "What the ??" I'll tell you what it is. It's the Creator.



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 SCORES

96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...ruby/purple-hued, it's medium to full-bodied and has a layered, elegant texture, sweet tannins, and a great finish. A wine that builds nicely with time in the glass..."

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

"...deep ruby core and magenta rim with aromas of plum reduction, blackberry jus and stewed cherries with essence of potpourri, black and red peppercorn and dusty purple flowers..."

94 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"... Wonderful stony accents hit you aromatically, alongside black tea, blackberry compote and shades of baking spices. The palate is very lithe and nicely textured, with beautiful length..."

93 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish*

"A handsome Cabernet, refined and polished, yet with deep blackberry, river stone and black olive flavors that build tension toward fine-grained tannins... Drink now through 2031."

93 Points, *James Suckling*

"Currant, spice and some sweet-tobacco aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied, yet very polished and energetic. Chewy, fine-textured tannins and a flavorful finish. Polished."

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: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon), 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 43 days on skins | 21 months barrel-aged on lees in 52% new French oak barriques

Wine Analysis: 5.6 g/L titratable acidity, 4.0 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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