

# 2019 K THE BOY GRENACHE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Deep yet vibrant with gobs of expressive flavors: dark cherry, dried ancho chili, fresh porcini and whispers of orange peel. On the palate, the wine is fantastically rich, long and velvety with notes of huckleberry, smoked herbs and fennel seed. This Boy is alluring and persuasive!



## **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

## **CURRENT SCORES**

99 Points; #1 – 'Top 100 Wines of The USA 2022'; #5 – 'Top 100 Wines of The World 2022'; #3 of 600 – 'Annual Report, Washington State, 2022', *James Suckling* 

"The gorgeous nose of freshly ground pepper, red currant and red cherry immediately catches your attention. Medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins. There is so much pure and exhilarating red fruit and spice here. It always remains light and airy on the palate. So effortless. Precise austerity. An incredible example of what grenache is capable of in Washington. 100% whole cluster fermented in concrete vats. A joy to drink. Drink or hold."

#### 95 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

"A 100% Grenache that was not destemmed and was brought up in neutral oak, the 2019 Grenache The Boy sports a translucent ruby hue to go with straight-up brilliant aromatics of ripe cherry and wild strawberry fruits, white pepper, cured meats, and baking spices. Beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied, and as elegant as they come, it brings plenty of classic Grenache fruit, has ripe tannins, and a great finish. Drink it any time over the coming decade or so."

#### VINEYARD

#### **Powerline Estate Vineyard** (100%)

Owned and farmed by Dana Dibble, planted in 2001. The site is located south of Walla Walla in the old Walla River bed; the soil is rocky and with great drainage. The clone of Syrah sourced is Tablas Creek, which thrives in the big river stone cobble. This is the warmest site in the Walla Walla Valley.

## WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Grenache

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

**Production**: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 45 days on skins I 100% neutral French oak puncheons, 19 months barrel-aged on lees I 953 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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