



2020 K CHARLOTTE

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Made for Charlotte, my daughter. Smart, beautiful, larger than life.... black pepper, cured meats, black plum and potpourri grace the glass, followed with layer after layer of orange peel, warm spices and seashell. What a beauty.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

97 Points, *James Suckling*

"I like the savory complexity to this, with wafts of incense, ash and roasted thyme, followed by oyster shells and elderberries. It's full-bodied yet agile and so alive, with silky tannins and a peppery, spicy energy to it. Long and enticing. Drink or hold."

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

"A Châteauneuf du Pape look-alike, the 2020 Charlotte offers a terrific array of red fruits (strawberries, cherries) as well as some spicy, sagebrush, rose, and floral nuances that develop with time in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, round, seamless, and perfectly balanced, it's another incredibly elegant, impressive 2020 from this team that has loads of character."

VINEYARD

Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

A 30-acre Estate Vineyard planted in 2012 in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, just south of Walla Walla in the Walla Walla Valley AVA. 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 cobblestone rock was brought down river from the Blue Mountains and deposited on top of the ancient river bed. The deep sand and silt below the stones bring a great purity to the grapes, while high elevations keep acids high and alcohol low, producing very well-balanced wines with remarkable complex characters.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 50% Mourvedre, 24% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 8% Counoise, 4% Grenache Blanc, 3% Picpoul, 1% Cinsaut (co-fermented)

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in concrete tank and stainless steel, 49 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak demi-muids | 411 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.91 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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