



# 2020 K POWERLINE SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark and brooding yet still elegant and refined. Intriguing start to finish. Black plum, toasted herbs, leather and nori linger with lavender, saline and earth galore. It has so much more to give. Sit back and be awestricken.

## 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*

“A powerful and spicy syrah with aromas of black olives, nutmeg, peppercorns, black cherries and sea urchins. Bitter chocolate, too. Full-bodied, firm and polished, with a velvety texture carrying the black fruit. Intense and so long. Try in 2025.”

### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“A bigger, more powerful, masculine-styled release ... sports a deeper ruby/plum hue as well as medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe black and blue fruits, ground pepper, violets, and smoked meats. It brings lots of concentration and power but stays elegant and balanced, with beautiful tannins.”

### 93+ Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*

“Focused and sturdy with black-fruited aromas, the 2020 Syrah Powerline opens to notes of spiced black plums and dark cherry essence with spicy and elegant red and purple flowers. Full-bodied, the palate is fresh and mineral-driven with notes of bacon, almonds and freshly opened flowers before notes of plum compote and cured sausage linger over the juicy, food-friendly finish. Give it a try.”

## 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 riverbed. 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:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel, 52 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak puncheons | 632 cs

**Wine Analysis:** 6.1 g/L titratable acidity, 3.86 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745006104

