



2020 K THE BEAUTIFUL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Absolutely stunning. Generous, graceful and dynamic. Black cherry, blueberry, grapefruit peel, and black olive pulls you deeper, accented by deep dark rose, dried herbs and black tea with a touch of crushed stone. Let's be intrigued and ponder the overwhelming brooding charm this wine blesses us with.

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

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"This shows earthy character, with ground spices, black pepper, plum pith and cocoa-dusted dark cherries. So broad and velvety, but at the same time fresh and fleshy, with full body and layers of polished, chalky tannins. Lingering and smooth. Co-fermented with 4% viognier in concrete vats. Drink now or hold."

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Black cherries, mulled strawberries, ground pepper, rose petals, and smoked meats define the bulk of the aromas, and it's medium to full-bodied, has fine tannins, and a great finish. It picks up a classic Syrah bloody, gamey character with time in the glass and is going to drink brilliantly over the coming 10-12 years."

95 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"Co-fermented with 4% of Viognier, the 2020 Syrah The Beautiful is marked with a classic Walla Walla mineral essence and open-knit expression that offers delightful spicy aromas that merge with floral and potpourri elements. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is spicy, elegant and fresh, with hints of iodine and brown baking spices before ending with a lingering and spicy finish. Yum!"

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: 96% Syrah, 4% Viognier

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 1.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation co-fermented in concrete tank, 45 days on skins | 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak puncheons | 807 cases

Wine Analysis: 6.0 g/L titratable acidity | 3.95 pH | 13.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

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