



# 2020 K THE CREATOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Seductive. Thoughtful. Seamless. Triggers a yearning... multilayered. Dried cherry, old leather, pipe tobacco, and touches of orange peel. So much depth and so sensual. Black currant, roasted herbs, fresh wildflowers, and a whisper of dried rye and cedar box... It can be said: Creator.

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

“The nose is big, bold and smooth with a juicy, round and mineral-focused expression, offering gobs of dark red and black fruit tones. Full-bodied, the palate explodes with pleasure, showing soft herbal tones with sweet oak flavors that ride with blackberry and dark cherry flavors, compounding complexity while displaying layers of finesse and precision.”

### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Another stunning wine... Ripe black cherries, currants, sagebrush, and peppery herbs define the aromatics, and it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, silky, polished tannins, and a great finish. The Syrah really brings a peppery, herbal, gamey style here, and this is a complex, incredibly satisfying 2020 to drink over the coming decade.”

### 95 Points, *James Suckling*

“This shows depth and complexity, with blackcurrants, blue plums, white pepper, currant bush, grilled herbs, nut shells and raw mushrooms. Full-bodied, plush and broad-shouldered with a bed of velvety tannins and a generously dark-fruited center-palate. Lingering finish. Better from 2025.”

## 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:** 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 70% whole berry co-fermentation (Cab Sauv) / 30% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in French oak tank, 51 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 65% new French oak barriques

**Wine Analysis:** 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.86 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100017

