



# 2021 K VINTNERS CHARLOTTE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A fairytale of a wine that takes you to another place. Fresh, dark blossoms, earth and spice. A story unfolding one step at a time.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

### CURRENT SCORES

#### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"White pepper, tapenade, sour cherries and potpourri on the nose. It's medium-bodied with beautiful freshness and finesse, and silky yet present tannins that give the wine tension. Lovely mouthfeel, and so long. 50% mourvedre, 26% grenache, 9% syrah, 8% counoise, 5% picpoul, 1% grenache blanc, and 1% cinsaut. 100% whole cluster. Drink or hold."

#### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Based mostly on Mourvèdre and Grenache, the 2021 Charlotte is smoking good, offering darker cherry and blackberry fruits, some smoky, violet, and loamy earth nuances, medium to full body, and fine tannins. It's a beautifully balanced, layered, impressive blend to drink over the coming decade or so."

### 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, 26% Grenache, 9% Syrah, 8% Counoise, 5% Picpoul, 1% Grenache Blanc, 1% Cinsaut

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 3.1 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster co-fermentation in concrete tank | 26 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak demi-muids | 416 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 6.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.91 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001390

