



2021 K VINTNERS POWERLINE SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark plum, mountain berries, campfire ash, cured meat, cool earth, full and long with depth for ages. The one and only, Powerline Syrah.

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

97 Points, *James Suckling*

“Lovely nose of charcuterie, green peppercorns, ancho chiles, smoked paprika and wild blueberries. Spicy and delicious, full of flavor, with a full body and a silky, supple texture. I love the earthiness. Fantastic already but the intensity will build in a few years’ time. Drink or hold.”

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Also from the Powerline Vineyard, the 2021 Syrah Powerline Vineyard is all Phelps clone that was not destemmed and was aged in 30% new French oak puncheons. Ripe blackberries, hints of black cherries, sappy herbs, flowers, loamy earth, bouquet garni, and pepper are just some of its nuances, and it’s medium to full-bodied, has a pure, elegant, layered mouthfeel, fine tannins, and a great finish.”

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 Rules, 50 days on skins | 26 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak puncheons | 916 cases

Wine Analysis: 6.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.9 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

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