



# 2021 K VINTNERS THE BOY GRENACHE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Vibrant, bold and smooth. Black velvet that's infinitely layered with bright strawberry, dried flower, fresh herbs and a kiss of mandarin orange... the continuity is brilliant like stars on a clear cold night. Red currant, fresh earth and a hint of mint... a defined build up to a classic.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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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 & PAST SCORES

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### 99 Points, *James Suckling*

"Super smooth and mouth-filling but also lacy and filigreed, the wine combines powerful, broad and ripe strawberries, red plums and cedar on a full body blanketed in soft tannins but with fresh acidity. Aged 18 months on the lees in neutral, large-format barrels. Drink now or hold."

### 91 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous (v2020)*

"...Lifts from the glass with a dusty floral mix of crushed blackberries and white pepper. This is round and vividly fruity on the palate with brisk acids that balance nicely, as savory herbal tones resonate throughout. The Boy tapers off with subtle grippy tannins, leaving nuances of licorice and exotic spice to linger. I love the balance here."

## VINEYARD

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### Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

Charles planted the 38-acre estate vineyard in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, located at 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

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Grenache

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 25% whole cluster fermentation in concrete tank, 45 days on skins | 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 100% neutral French oak demi muids | 848 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745001307

