



2021 K VINTNERS THE BOY GRENACHE

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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

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

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."

94 Points, *Wine Spectator*

"Combining finesse with structure and simmering richness, this red serves up raspberry and red currant flavors that take on crushed stone, savory meat and white pepper tones. Finishes with refined tannins. Drink now through 2032. 848 cases made."

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Wild strawberries, smoked spices, dried flowers, and incense notes all emerge from the 2021 Grenache The Boy, a gorgeously perfumed, medium-bodied, elegant Grenache that has fine tannins and an outstanding finish. One hundred percent Grenache, as always, the 2021 is from the Powerline Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley and was fermented with 25% stems (added back) and brought up in neutral demi-muids."

VINEYARD

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

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

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