



2021 K VINTNERS THE CREATOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Black currant, olive tapenade, cool fireplace ash, rich earth. Full-bodied, focused and bold. Truly divine, all hail The Creator.

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

95 Points, *James Suckling*

“The peppery expression of syrah comes out first in this blend with cabernet sauvignon before black cherries, black olives, tobacco and beef flavors fill the palate with meaty deliciousness. Drink this standout wine now or hold several years.”

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Based on 75% Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 169) and 25% Syrah (clone 470) raised in 50% new oak, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah The Creator has a complex, wild bouquet of bloody red and blue fruits, tapenade, bay leaf, and flowers, with some classic Syrah smoky nuances in the background. It’s another full-bodied, concentrated wine in the lineup that’s balanced, has ripe, polished tannins, integrated acidity, and a great finish. It needs air to show at its best and will evolve for 15+ years.”

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: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 75% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) / 25% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in stainless steel Rules, 50 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 1466 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.95 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

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