



2022 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

2022 was a unique year for wine grapes in Washington State. A slow start due to a late spring eventually balanced out into an even and warm summer, ultimately leading to one of the longest falls we have ever experienced. Our vineyards, which produce great grapes year in and year out, harvested fruit that lent itself to extremely special wines this year. Wines that are firm, bright, and beautiful, with lovely aromas. We're excited to watch them continue to develop and provide enjoyment for years to come!

CURRENT SCORES

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Aromatically spicy, it's youthfully sublime in medium-bodied layers of graphite and baked strawberry. The first one was made the year of Charlotte's birth, 2012. A great wine, fermented in concrete tank and aged in larger format oak, it shows the potential to age another 10-12 years."

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." (v 2021)

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: 2.7 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster co-fermentation in concrete tank 40 days on skins | 26 months barrel-aged on lees in 600L demi-muids | 622 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.98 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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