



2022 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

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

97 Points, James Suckling (v 2021)

“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 Dunnock (v 2021)

“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: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in Stainless Steel Rules, 44 days on skins | 26 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak puncheons | 672 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.9 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

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