



# 2022 K VINTNERS THE BEAUTIFUL SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Stone, dark fruit, cool ash, mouth filling yet with balance light as a feather. Once again living up to the name, The Beautiful.

## 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

### *95 Points, Jeb Dunnuck*

"Co-fermented with 4% Viognier from a cobblestone soil site at 1,200 elevation, the vineyard gets morning heat but cools at night. There's an inherent freshness and femininity to the wine, which is subdued in floral rose petal and crushed rock. Dark, translucent black fruit shimmers in the structured full-bodied nature of the wine, the oak and tannins well-tamed for aging another 10-15 years."

### *97 Points, James Suckling (v 2021)*

"Expressive nose of dried herbs, cracked pepper, violets, wild peaches and green olives. Deliciously open and fragrant with a full body yet fantastic freshness. So inviting, it pulls you in, with just the right amount of gamey and savory wildness. 96% syrah and 4% viognier co-fermented in concrete tanks, all whole cluster. Drink or hold."

## 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:** 96% Syrah, 4% Viognier

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.2 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 47 days on skins | 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak puncheons | 1079 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 6.0 g/L titratable acidity | 3.94 pH | 14.0% alcohol | no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100024

