



2022 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

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, *James Suckling*

"Peppery nuances of syrah contribute to a rich cabernet sauvignon character that bursts with ripe currants, dark cherries, hints of tobacco and dried herbs. Medium- to full-bodied, juicy and pristine, it has fine and well-integrated tannins and a succulent core of fruit. Pure and delicious. 69% cabernet sauvignon and 31% syrah. Drink or hold."

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (v 2021)*

"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: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Syrah

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 69% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) / 31% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in French Oak Tank, 45 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 65% new French oak barriques | 2385 cases Wine

Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity, 3.99 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

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