

SUBSTANCE

2017 SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION POWERLINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Alpine forest floor, black plum, cured meat, olive and a touch of mint elegantly come together. Rich and velvety texture. I really like this wine.



VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“I loved the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Powerline Vineyard. It’s a rich, complex, classic Cabernet with lots of varietal notes of dark fruits, tobacco, baking spices, and cedarwood. Rich, medium to full-bodied, and beautifully balanced, it has ripe, seamless tannins, a certainly meaty, herbal, and foresty vibe, and a great finish. It’s already drinking nicely yet is going to evolve for 10-15 years.”

92 Points, *James Suckling*

“A complex red with sweet tobacco and ripe currants. Some walnuts, too. Full-bodied, yet linear and tight on the palate. Lead pencil coming through. Cool red. Drink now.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard(s): Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

Production: 2.4 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 52 days on skins | 80% new French oak barriques | 28 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity | 3.98 pH | 14.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

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