

SUBSTANCE

SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION POWERLINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Powerline delivers again with black current, cigar wrapper, forest floor, and mint. Undeniable, vivacious, and fantastic. Black plum, crushed rock, anise, and bay leaf. Clear, refined, and completely Cabernet.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it began, with later-than-usual bud break, continuing on to have fairly moderate temperatures throughout the rest of the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze, a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors, and lovely balance.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

94 Points, *James Suckling*

“What an open cabernet sauvignon with an array of currants, orange zest, plums, anise, olives, sandalwood and peaches on the nose. Medium- to full-bodied, with such purity of fruit. I like the peachy fragrance. Drink or hold.”

91 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“With a classic Cabernet Sauvignon bouquet, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyard Collection Powerline wafts up with peppery florals and graphite, as crushed blackberries are accentuated by a hint of menthol. This washes across the palate with tart black fruits, as nuances of dark chocolate and licorice form toward the close... becomes spicy through the finale, leaving sour citrus nuances to linger.”

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnock* (v2018)

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: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 1.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 51 days on skins | 55% new French oak barriques, 28 months barrel -aged on lees | 660 (6-bottle) cases

Wine Analysis: 6.0 g/L titratable acidity, 3.87 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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