



2018 K THE BEAUTIFUL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

A multi-layered beauty; perfumed, lovely. Super dark rose. Broken, unfiltered cigarette, Amaro. Densely colored with a shimmering red rim. Giving, yet just an inch at a time. One to ponder. One to enjoy.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"An exotic nose of ripe blue and black fruits, lavender, sappy flowers, and herbes de Provence-like nuances give way to a medium to full-bodied, richly textured, structured wine..."

96 Points, *James Suckling*

"This is rather floral and perfumed with blackberry and orange-peel undertones. Lovely richness and ripeness, but it remains linear and focused... Fresh. Drink now."

95 Points, 'Editors' Hot Wines' March 2022, *Print Magazine June 2022, Wine Spectator*

"A potent red, deeply structured yet dynamic, with blackberry, crushed stone, cured meat and black olive accents that gather richness and polish toward medium-grained tannins..."

94+ Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"...dark fruit aromas with elements of salami, black pepper, roasted herbs and baked cherries... succulent tannins. Concluding with a long-lingering and evolving finish."

94 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen*

"...black tea and exotic spices mingle with the seamless texture and gorgeous length. Enjoy this outstanding bottling over the next eight-plus 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: 97% Syrah, 3% Viognier

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 51 days on skins | 20 months barrel-aged on lees in 43% new French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity | 3.96 pH | 14.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

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