

# SUBSTANCE

## SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION POWERLINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark in color and disposition. Silky, mouth-filling, and all so 'Oooh'! Black fruit, baking spice, and cigar box. Inviting texture that is pure velvet, river rock, and cool earth, set this one clearly apart. This wine is truly its own. And can only be Powerline.



### 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. Enjoy!

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### 94 Points, *James Suckling*

"A lovely nose of red licorice, basil, ripe red cherry and bark. Tobacco. Seaweed and iodine. Medium-to full-bodied with silky, fruit-soaked tannins. Good balance and length here. Nicely complex, but very approachable. Coffee finish. Drink now."

#### 92 Points, *Owen Bargreen-Vinous*

"The beautiful 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyard Collection Powerline is a fantastic new wine by Charles Smith and Brennon Leighton. Dense and chewy, it delivers plenty of stony character alongside wild blackberry tones on the palate."

#### 94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2017)

#### 90 Points, *Anthony Mueller-Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* (v2017)

### 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:** 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 49 days on skins | 28 months barrel-aged on lees in 61% new French oak barriques

**Wine Analysis:** 5.6 g/L titratable acidity, 3.97 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745003806



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