



2019 K CHARLOTTE BLEND

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Beautiful, vibrant, bright, and energetic. Impresses immediately... Wild strawberry, black cherry, and red plum followed by incredible floral notes of white flowers, violets, and lavender, rushing forward into orange peel, black pepper, and crushed rock. Elegant yet resourceful, bold, and brilliant. Blackberry, clove, cured meats, and sea breeze. Both wonderful and intriguing!

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout 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

97 Points, *James Suckling*

"A floral nose of roses and violets with sliced strawberries, fresh red cherries, ground pepper and crushed herbs. Medium-bodied with gentle, silky tannins. Fresh and bright, but turns more savory and complex as the palate goes on. Sage and tarragon mix with ground white and black peppercorn. Drink or hold."

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...another rocking wine in the lineup ... it reveals spicy, complex notes of cherry, ripe strawberries, leather, sandalwood, and white pepper, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple, elegant, seamless wine. Very pretty, pure and polished, with fine tannins, this silky beauty is balanced and delicious."

92 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous*

"...minty fresh from the first tilt of the glass, with spicy florals and crushed black cherries forming its bouquet. It's soft textured, and round on the palate with a stimulating core of acidity and tart red and black fruits that add tension toward the close. This tapers off perfumed, with decent length, leaving a coating of gently grippy tannins to frame the experience quite nicely..."

VINEYARD

Powerline Estate Vineyard (100%)

A 30-acre Estate Vineyard planted in 2012 in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, just south of Walla Walla in the Walla Walla Valley AVA. 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 cobblestone rock was brought down river from the Blue Mountains and deposited on top of the ancient river bed. The deep sand and silt below the stones bring a great purity to the grapes, while high elevations keep acids high and alcohol low, producing very well-balanced wines with remarkable complex characters.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 47% Mourvèdre; 26% Grenache; 13% Counoise; 5% Syrah; 3% Cinsault; 3% Grenache Blanc; 3% Picpoul (co-fermented)

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 33 days on skins | 100% neutral French oak Demi-Muids, 28 months barrel-aged on lees | 373 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.91 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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