



2019 K THE BEAUTIFUL SYRAH

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Refined, classy, and composed. Robust, dignified, and defined. Black plum, blueberry, coffee and wet earth, revealing sage, black tea, grapefruit rind, and a savory subtle balance. Mmmm, beautiful!

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*

“Such a pretty nose of cooking spice, red and black cherries and dried garden herbs. Full-bodied with excellent depth and nuance. Silky tannins. Whole black pepper and spiced cherry make the palate hum. There is a deft hand at work here. There is so much exciting energy to the ripe, balanced fruit. This is showing well now, but can age easily for the next 10-15 years. Drink or hold.”

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

“The 2019 Syrah The Beautiful comes from the Powerline Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley and is 97% Syrah and 3% Viognier that saw 50% new French oak. It's another classic, slightly Northern Rhône-like effort offering darker cherry and currant fruits as well as some iron, tapenade, and peppery herb aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, concentrated, and seamless, it has ripe tannins, plenty of mid-palate depth, and outstanding length.”

95 Points (+ ‘Editors’ Hot Wines’, March 2022 & featured in print magazine / WS Advance, June 2022), *Wine Spectator* (v2018)

94+ Points, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*—Anthony Mueller (v2018)

94 Points, *Vinous*—Owen Bargreen (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: 97% Syrah, 3% Viognier

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 53 days on skins | 50% new French oak puncheons, 20 months barrel-aged on lees | 847 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity | 3.97 pH | 14% alcohol | no residual sugar

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