

# 2020 K POWERLINE VIOGNIER

# TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

More tropical fruit than Carmen Miranda's hat. Full bodied, all-encompassing and the most powerful white of our entire lineup. Asian pear, honeysuckle, pineapple, Rainier cherry, and allspice. Silky, luxurious and proud of it.



# **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

# **CURRENT & PAST SCORES**

#### 94 Points, James Suckling

"This shows complex aromas of yellow nectarines, chamomile, salted butter, nutmeg, apricots and apple crumble. Full-bodied, buttery and caressing, with spicy hints and an intense, delicious finish. Drink now or hold."

## 93 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

"This team makes a killer Viognier, and their 2020 Viognier Powerline Vineyard will give a top Condrieu a run for its money. Lots of honeyed melon, apricot, toasted spices, and a kiss of chalky minerality all define the aromatics, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a layered, elegnat mouthfeel, a terrific sense of freshness, and a clean, dry finish that will make it incredibly versatile on the dinner table."

93 Points, Owen Bargreen-Vinous (v2019)

## 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% Viognier Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Production: 2.8 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster pressed I 16 months barrel-

aged on lees in 15% new French oak demi-muids

Wine Analysis: 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.61 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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