



# 2018 K POWERLINE SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Close your eyes. Make a wish. Rich, dense and dark. Black plum, black raspberry, wet earth, black olive and more. A subtle touch of spice and luxurious texture. This Syrah will make your wishes come true.



## 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 SCORES

### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"A lush and fragrant nose of blackberry, blueberry, blackcurrant and anise. Full-bodied and delightfully intense. The soft tannins are coated with dark fruit, nutmeg and paprika adding delicious complexity. So, so concentrated. Melted dark chocolate. Totally delicious. Drinking well now, but a great choice for aging. Drink or hold."

### 95 Points, *Vinous/Owen Bargreen*

"The palate is plush with a seamless texture and wonderful length. A very pretty core of dark fruits mingles with shades of creosote, Earl Grey tea and suggestions of orange zest. The flavor and aromatic range here are outstanding, and this brilliant wine isn't going anywhere for another 10 years."

### 95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...offers up a classic nose of spiced red and black fruits, cured meats, peppery herbs, lavender, and truffle. This carries to a rich, medium to full-bodied Syrah with terrific tannins as well as balance."

### 93 Points, *Editors' Choice Wines (Insider Weekly, March, 2022), Wine Spectator*

"A wine of presence and depth that opens to dark berry, licorice and smoky pepper flavors, which build detail and tension toward medium-grained tannins..."

## 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% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 1.9 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation, 48 days on skins | 40% new French oak puncheons, 28 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 6.0 g/L titratable acidity | 3.97 pH | 14.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745006104



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