



# 2019 K POWERLINE SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Friendly, approachable and vivacious, yet also dark and mysterious. Black cherry, allspice, black ash, and orange blossom. Thyme and flint... Dark fruit, cedar, kelp, black pepper, juniper, crushed rock, and tons of complex floral notes. Fear not, embrace it!

## 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, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"While just bottled a week before this tasting, the 2019 Syrah Powerline Vineyard certainly wasn't showing any worse for it, offering a stunning bouquet of ripe red and black fruits as well as white pepper, sandalwood, tobacco, and new leather. Pure, medium to full-bodied, and vibrant, with supple, polished tannins, this brilliant Syrah is going to keep for 10-12 years, if not longer."

### 96 Points (+ 'Buy Now: Washington Wines', January 2023), *James Suckling*

"Lovely aromas of crushed blackberry, ripe plum, white pepper and dried herbs. Medium-to full-bodied with fine, slightly firm tannins. Nuanced in its expression of herbs and spices. Nutmeg, allspice and ground clove all come through. Juicy red and black fruit. Wet-stone mineral character to it all. Best after 2025."

### 95 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

### 93 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish* (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:** 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 | 847 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.9 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745006104

