



# 2019 K THE CREATOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Absolutely Cabernet Sauvignon in style but co-fermented with Syrah to give seamless balance. Black currant, cedar box, fresh tobacco, and pencil lead. So much finesse and length. Blackberry, fire ash, and a mineral palate that keeps on saying 'The Creator!'



## 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

### 95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"... This puppy boasts a ruby/plum hue as well as terrific aromatics of blackcurrants, tobacco, iron, and peppery herbs. It's medium to full-bodied, has good freshness, ripe tannins, and the straight, focused, elegant yet still concentrated style of the vintage front and center."

### 94 Points, *James Suckling*

"Very aromatic nose here with a mix of red and dark berries, dried citrus peel, spicy herbs, seaweed and Asian spice. Medium- to full-bodied with a wide and broad structure and polished tannins. Juicy, berry-soaked mid-palate with a lingering, supple finish. Drink or hold."

### 94 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate—Anthony Mueller* (v2018)

### 94 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:** 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon), 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 53 days on skins | 65% new French oak barriques, 28 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.91 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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