

2016 K Ovide Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah

Dark, Deep, Delicious, Blue fruit, pencil shavings, black olive, espresso creama, generously full-flavored and oh so good. The best The Rocks has to offer.

Current & Past Scores

96 Points, Jeb Dunnuck (formerly of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate)

"Named after Smith's father, the 2016 Ovide comes from the Walla Walla Valley and is 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah. This savory, full-bodied, earthy blend offers complex red and black fruits intermixed with notes of dried earth, asphalt, baking chocolate, and spice. It has terrific balance and is going to evolve for 10-15 years."

92 Points, James Suckling

"Very assertive and forthright fruit here. The boldness from the syrah really fills out the rich blackcurrant of the cabernet with a plush, ripe-plum and berry sheen. Silky tannins abound. Holds long. A blend of 75% cabernet sauvignon 25% and syrah. Try from 2022."

92 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"A blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah, the 2016 Ovide Jack's Vineyard begins with an open-knit expression on the nose, with black fruits laden with subtle spices and hints of mocha. Full-bodied, the palate is rich and robust, with a firm structure and melting savory tones, finishing with black fruit and wet river rocks."

Vineyard

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Jack's Vineyard (100%): Stony, ancient riverbed, located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. Very cobbly, Freewater, loam-cobbles over gravel over sand, dried riverbed. In the rocky soils of this part of the valley, low vigor keeps flavors concentrated. Planted in 1999.

Vintage

The 2016 vintage started early and warm in Washington State. When summer arrived, the season saw cooler evenings that helped retain acidity, extended the growing and ripening period into September and October. This allowed the fruit to gain more complexity and deeper charm without sacrificing the acid or producing higher alcohol content. The vintage has created deeply rich and focused wines that we will be able to enjoy for a long time to come.

Blend

75% Cabernet Sauvignon; 25% Syrah

Appellation

Walla Walla Valley

Production

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

100% whole berry fermentation (Cab)

100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah)

Yeast: native

48 days on skins

50% new French oak barriques

21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.2 g/L titratable acidity

3.99 pH

14.0% alcohol

No residual sugar

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