

# K VINTNERS

## 2017 K OVIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON/SYRAH

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Dark, earthy flavor abounds. Seamless in texture. Mocha, currant, tree bark, cigar ash and olive. Concentrated and yet elegant. Full, rich, OVIDE!



### VINTAGE NOTES

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2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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#### 95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The ruby/plum-hued 2017 Ovid is another Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah blend, yet this comes all from Jack’s Vineyard. It’s a smaller production cuvée compared to the Roma and offers medium to full-bodied notes of tobacco, loamy earth, new leather, hoisin sauce, and spice box. It shows its Rocks origin aromatically and has a plush, seamless texture, great tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. It’s ripe and sexy, yet also stays clean and beautifully balanced.”

#### 93 Points, *James Suckling*

“A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah that delivers lots of richness and decadence with dried-meat, plum and green-olive character. It’s full-bodied and flavorful at the end. Drink now.”

### WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon; 20% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Vineyard(s):** Jack’s Vineyard (100%)

**Production:** 2.1 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet) | 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah) | 52 days on skins | 53% new French oak barriques | 22 months barrel-aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.0 g/L titratable acidity | 4.00 pH | 14.0% alcohol | No residual sugar

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