



# 2020 K OVIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Prolific. Intelligent. Astute. Dark cherry, blackberry compote, dried flower and a touch of dried seaweed. Dark, sultry, and restrained with hints of oregano, red currant, and pencil lead. A legend to remember.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

## CURRENT SCORES

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### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Red and black fruits, bacon fat, iron, cold fireplace, and bouquet garni notes define the aromatics, and this beauty is medium to full-bodied, has ultra-fine tannins, and flawless balance. It’s a brilliant red to enjoy over the coming decade.”

### 93 Points, *James Suckling*

“This has aromas of peppered meats, olives, peppercorns, blackcurrants, rosemary and sweet tobacco, with hints of coconut. It’s full-bodied, firm and intense, with polished tannins. Try in 2025.”

### 93 Points, *Eric Guido-Vinous*

“Plum sauce and sage are offset by a whiff of camphor as the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Ovide opens in the glass. It’s silky-smooth, with a mineral tinge up front that gives way to tart black fruits under an air of dark inner florals. Red plum and white pepper notes linger, as the 2020 tapers off gently tannic.”

## VINEYARD

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### Jack’s Vineyard (100%)

Planted in 1999, Jack’s Vineyard is a stony, ancient riverbed located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley. The vineyard features loam-cobbles over gravel over sand. Low vigor keeps flavors concentrated in the rocky soils of this part of the valley.

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 74% whole berry co-fermentation (Cab Sauv) / 26% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in wood tank, 48 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 408 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.89 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100055

