



# 2021 K VINTNERS GUIDO SANGIOVESE

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Moonstruck allured captivated by aromas leaping out of the glass... black cherry, tomato leaf, orange peel and wet clay... vibrant and lush it continues to linger with braised plum, sweet tobacco, salami, wild sage, and grilled tomato... the spell is strong and charming.



## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fan-tastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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### 94 Points, *James Suckling*

“Savory, meaty and rustic on the nose, with an array of olives, tomato leaves, wild cherries, paprika and dried spices. It’s full of flavor, spicy and driven, with a medium to full body and a wild earthy minerality coming through. Drink after 2025.”

### 91 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“Dusty florals and cedary spice give way to red currant and savory herbs. It opens with a pleasant inner sweetness, sending violet and lavender shades across the palate. Depths of ripe raspberry and blueberry fruits linger as the 2021 finishes spicy and fresh.”

### 90 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous (v2020)*

“A dark mix of plum sauce, Baker’s chocolate and grilled sage lifts from the 2020 Sangiovese Guido. This is round and fruit-centric, with a massive wave of ripe cherries and blackberries that cruise along a core of zesty acidity. The 2020 tapers off incredibly fresh in spite of its gobs of fruit, leaving the palate nicely refreshed for another sip.”

## 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:** 100% Sangiovese

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.8 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in stainless steel Rules, 35 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 40% new French oak barriques | 300 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.2 g/L titratable acidity, 3.87 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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