



# 2021 K VINTNERS OVIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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Pencil lead, currants, pipe tobacco, focused and minerally. Stature and profound in nature, for my Father.

## 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 fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

## CURRENT SCORES

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### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Ovide checks in as 73% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Syrah that spent 22 months in oak. It has a smoky, complex, Graves-like style in its red and black fruits, as well as notes of cold fireplace, roasted herbs, and chocolate. It’s a full-bodied, deep, rich, mouthfilling effort with velvety tannins and a great finish. Drink bottles over the coming 15 years.”

### 93 Points, *James Suckling*

“Green olive tapenade, wet leaves, bramble berries, rosehips and green tea on the nose. Minerally and savory, seamless yet taut, with a medium body and a fresh, stemmy finish. Co-fermented 73% cabernet sauvignon and 27% syrah. Drink from 2025.”

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

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 73% whole berry co-fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) / 27% whole cluster co-fermentation (Syrah) in French oak tank, 47 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on lees in 50% new French oak barriques | 87 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.95 pH, 14.0% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100055

