



# 2019 K OVIDE CAB SAUV-SYRAH

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Dark, dense, and beautiful. Boysenberry, fresh forest rain, and crushed rocks intrigue the senses. Dark chocolate, red currant, dried herbs, and nutmeg. Lovely velvet from the rocks. All hail Ovide!

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

### 93 Points, *James Suckling*

“Aromas of red and black currants, overturned earth and ground white pepper. Medium-to full-bodied with slightly chewy tannins. Bright berry acidity livens up the dark-fruited palate. Tobacco and vanilla bean peek through. Well balanced and sleek...”

### 93 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The 2019 Ovide is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon but includes 21% Syrah, all from the Jack’s Vineyard in Walla Walla. Brought up in 50% new French oak, it has a peppery, gamey, meaty style as well as impressive red and black fruits, medium to full body, a ripe, balanced, mouthfeel, and a great sense of freshness and purity. I like it today, but it has more than enough tannins and concentration to evolve for 10-12 years or more.”

### 92 Points, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate—Anthony Mueller* (v2018)

### 92 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

### 91 Points, *Wine Spectator—Tim Fish* (v2018)

## VINEYARD

### 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

**Varietal Breakdown:** 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Syrah

**Appellation:** Walla Walla Valley

**Production:** 2.4 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation (Cabernet Sauvignon) 100% whole cluster fermentation (Syrah), 47 days on skins | 50% new French oak barriques, 22 months barrel-aged on lees | 407 cases

**Wine Analysis:** 5.7 g/L titratable acidity, 3.87 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745100055

