



2009 K “Ovide” — Walla Walla Valley
67% Cabernet Sauvignon & 33% Syrah, En Cerise (co-fermented)

Tasting Notes: Earthy. Think dried Mediterranean herbs, black olive. Complex and satisfying, full and rich. For my father, Robert Ovide. —*Charles Smith*

Score 94 (2008 Vintage) Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, September 2011

“Toasty oak, violets, Asian spices, and assorted black and blue fruits lead to a full-flavored, complex, plush wine that will continue to blossom for several more years.”

Score 94 (2008 Vintage) Wine Spectator, October 2011

“Rich and generous, with a strong mineral element adding depth to the sherry, cinnamon and dark berry flavors. This has floral and wet earth overtones that make the finish complex, with depth and impressive length. Drink now through 2018.”

Score 95 (2007 Vintage) The Wine Spectator, October 2010

“Big and generous, but stays light enough on its feet to make the powerful black olive-scented currant, plum and peppery spice flavors sing with refinement. An undercurrent of minerality adds interest and depth, and the finish persists impressively.”

Vineyard:

En Cerise: Freewater cobbly loam over gravel sand, an ancient dried riverbed located on the floor of the Walla Walla Valley, biodynamically farmed. Planted in 1997.

Technical Information:

Yield: 1.9 tons per acre

Sorting: 1 time

Yeasts: Native

Treatment: Punch down

Malolactic Fermentation: yes

Ageing: French Burgundy Barrels

Fining: none

Total Production: 217 cases

Release date: September 1, 2011

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Acid: .580

pH: 3.77

Residual Sugar: none