



CHESTER | KIDDER

2018 CHESTER-KIDDER RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY GILLES NICAULT, WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES:

A beautifully dark and concentrated wine with gorgeous aromatics. The mouthfeel is soft and lush on entry with sweet spice that becomes rich on the wine's mid-palate. Fresh fig and ripe plum flavors are interwoven with notes of graphite and an alluring earthiness. A structured, solid wine with a silky, textured mouthfeel and a flavorful, vibrant finish.

VINTAGE:

After a slow start to spring, the 2018 growing season heated up quickly. Temperatures stayed quite warm throughout the summer, then the weather moderated significantly in early September to extend hangtime. Harvest conditions were ideal as the Columbia Valley settled into a pattern of warm days and cool nights to slow ripening just enough to allow the grapes to mature fully without sacrificing acidity. The result is a vintage marked by balanced, concentrated wines with appealing texture and richness.

BLEND:

64% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
28% SYRAH
8% PETIT VERDOT



WINEMAKING:

Premier lots of Cabernet Sauvignon underwent extended maceration for 40 days to produce intense color, flavor and firm tannins.

Tight-grain Sansaud and Le Grand French oak barrels (85% new) were selected to stand up to extended time in barrel and to enhance the wine's spiciness and refined texture. The extra time in barrels ensured the fruit was fully integrated and added an extra layer of complexity to the mid-palate. Supple and flavorful on release, this wine will also reward those who choose to cellar it.

VINEYARDS:

Summit View Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from the Walla Walla Valley brings classic Cabernet aromas, flavors, and a textured mouthfeel to this rich, multi-layered wine. Candy Mountain Syrah adds structure and layers of sweet spice. Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot completes the blend by adding balanced acidity and dark fruit character that lifts the finished wine.

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PH: 3.80

TA: 0.55 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,425 CASES