



2007 Chester-Kidder Red Wine
Columbia Valley
Gilles Nicault, Winemaker

Tasting Notes: The 2007 Chester Kidder offers rich aromas and flavors of black cherries, violets and dark chocolate complimented by nuances of cedar and spice. Deep crimson-colored, it balances concentration with elegance and a vibrant mouth feel that gains complexity across the mid-palate and leaves an impression of spicy fruits across a long, silky finish.

Vintage: While the Columbia Valley's growing seasons are remarkably consistent, the 2007 vintage stands out for its dense, full-flavored wines with wonderful structure and vibrancy. Winemakers agree that the growing season's warm, even temperatures were key to the success of the vintage. A picture-perfect Columbia Valley fall, marked by warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes at a moderate pace to yield wines with excellent color and natural acidity.

Winemaking: Cabernet Sauvignon gives Chester-Kidder its backbone, and winemaker Gilles Nicault coaxes plenty of structure from the grape while enhancing the wine's mouth feel and mid-palate through a gentle, extended maceration of up to 40 days. Syrah contributes dark color and spice to the blend. Petit Verdot adds a lively, vibrant mouth feel. Aged 30 months in new, tight-grain French oak barrels to develop complexity, integrate layers of fruit and allow time for the wine to develop an appealing earthiness.

Vineyards: Winemaker Gilles Nicault believes a diverse collection of top quality vineyards is as important to creating a special wine as the varietal composition. The 2007 Chester-Kidder relies on Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain and Candy Mountain to provide fresh black cherry character. Cabernet Sauvignon from Walla Walla contributes an additional layer of rich, dark fruit. Red Mountain area Syrah, including grapes from Candy Mountain, adds structure, color and spice. Petit Verdot from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope provides a lively and vibrant mouth feel.

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.77

TA: 0.60 grams/100ml

Blend: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon
25% Syrah

14% Petit Verdot

1% Cabernet Franc

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Production: 1,015 cases