



2010 Chester-Kidder Red Wine

Columbia Valley

Gilles Nicault, Winemaker

Tasting Notes: Deep and dark in color, this intensely aromatic wine is loaded with dark cherry, blackberry and a hint of chocolate. With its impressive concentration of refined tannins and a lively mouth feel, the 2010 Chester-Kidder offers layers of intense fruit flavors and spice. Well-balanced from beginning to end, the wine leaves a vibrant impression across a lengthy finish.

Vintage: The 2010 growing season got off to a cool start that delayed flowering and reduced fruit set. The trend continued through the summer, with moderate temperatures persisting into July and August. As a result, winemaker Gilles Nicault worked with growers to drop clusters and open up the leaf canopies early in the season so that when the warm weather finally arrived in late September, the vines were well positioned to finish ripening the grapes and produce wines with excellent flavor and varietal character.

Winemaking: A portion of handpicked Cabernet Sauvignon underwent an extended maceration of up to 42 days to yield tannins that became supple and refined with 30 months of aging in tight-grained French oak barrels made from air-dried staves. The extra time in barrel helped to integrate the fruit and add an extra layer of complexity to the wine, including an appealing earthiness and an understated hint of graphite.

Vineyards: Roughly two-thirds of the Cabernet Sauvignon for the 2010 Chester-Kidder was grown on Candy Mountain, adjacent to Red Mountain where the remaining one-third of the Cabernet for this blend was grown. The Red Mountain area is one of the warmest sections of the Columbia Valley; Cabernet Sauvignon ripens beautifully here and brings texture, backbone and richness to the wine. Candy Mountain Syrah contributes dark color and savory, spiciness. Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard imparts dense, rich character and gives the wine its bright, lively mouth feel.

Alcohol: 15.1%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.62 grams/100ml

Blend: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon
28% Syrah

5% Petit Verdot

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Production: 989 cases