



**2002 Chester-Kidder Red Wine**  
Columbia Valley  
Gilles Nicault, Winemaker

**Tasting Notes:** The 2002 Chester-Kidder is a full-bodied, concentrated red wine offering complex aromas of vanilla and cassis layered with dark berry fruit. Well-focused with balanced acidity and supple tannins across a long finish, this is a wine that will continue to improve for years to come.

**Vintage:** Wines from the 2002 vintage are stylish and well-balanced, a direct result of a consistent, moderate growing season. Overall, temperatures were warm, with the exception of a brief spike in July. Harvest was warm and dry, and the grapes ripened to perfection, yielding balanced fruit and producing wines with delicious, silky tannins.

**Winemaking:** Chester-Kidder is a hand-crafted, beautifully blended wine styled for complexity and elegance. Fermented in small lots, only the best barrels were selected for this blend. Aged 27 months in tight-grain French oak, Merlot was selected as the predominate grape for this blend because of its lush, fruit-forward character. It is perfectly framed by the addition of Cabernet Sauvignon to give the wine its dense mouth feel; Syrah boosts the wine's concentration and black fruit aromas and flavors; Cabernet Franc broadens the aromatics and mid-palate.

**Vineyards:** Working with low yields and select blocks from some of Washington's best vineyards – including Boushey, Champoux and Alder Ridge – winemaker Gilles Nicault selected grapes from a diverse collection of Columbia Valley sites to create this rich, multi-dimensional blend.

**Alcohol:** 14.3%

**pH:** 3.74

**TA:** 0.55 grams/100ml

**Blend:** 47% Merlot  
24% Cabernet Sauvignon  
19% Syrah  
10% Cabernet Franc

**Release date:** July 2004

**Production:** 300 cases