



CHESTER | KIDDER

2020 CHESTER-KIDDER RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY GILLES NICAULT, WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES:

Dark and inky in color, the 2020 Chester-Kidder is brimming with layered aromas and flavors of concentrated black cherry, ripe plum, baking spice, hints of fresh herbs and an appealing earthiness. Complex and richly textured on the palate, with firm, silky tannins that linger across a flavorful and vibrant finish.

VINTAGE:

The 2020 growing season was marked by low yields, a hot summer and extended fall hang time that produced spectacular wines with outstanding flavors, texture, and vibrancy. After a typical bud break in mid-April, May temperatures were moderate. The weather cooled in June, then warmed in July and August, with a few heat spikes. Just when it seemed harvest would be rushed, ripening conditions decelerated in Washington, and photosynthesis slowed enough to avoid high sugar accumulation and protect acidity.

BLEND:

57% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
33% SYRAH
10% PETIT VERDOT

WINEMAKING:

Select Cabernet Sauvignon lots underwent an extended maceration of 40 days to produce a wine with intense color, concentrated flavor and firm tannins that benefitted from 30 months of barrel aging in tight-grained French oak barrels (80% new). Added time in barrel helped to enhance the wine's rich mouthfeel and integrate the fruit and oak. The result is a supple, layered wine that drinks well on release and is also well suited to cellaring.

VINEYARDS:

Cabernet Sauvignon from the Walla Walla Valley gives the 2020 Chester-Kidder its dark, rich mouthfeel. Candy Mountain Syrah brings beautiful dark color and concentration. Cabernet and Syrah from a collection of top Red Mountain Vineyards heightens the wine's structure and complex, multi-layered style. Petit Verdot, from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope, lifts the wine and contributes to its vibrant character.



ALCOHOL: 15.1%

PH: 3.91

TA: 0.51 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,448 CASES