



CHESTER | KIDDER

2021 CHESTER-KIDDER RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY GILLES NICAULT, WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES:

An exceptional wine, distinguished by its complex aromas of graphite, cassis, cocoa bean, and subtle earthiness. On the palate, the 2021 Chester-Kidder shows layered complexity, seamlessly transitioning from its aromatic profile to flavors of black currant, cassis, and a hint of dark chocolate. A viscous, textured mouthfeel adds to the wine's appeal, enhanced by its balanced, sophisticated character that lingers across a silky finish.

VINTAGE:

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for its low yields and outstanding quality. Following a brief heat wave that stretched from late June to the beginning of July, ideal growing conditions carried through the summer, with temperatures cooling in the fall just enough to give the wines their fresh, vibrant character. The combination of low yields and extra hang time allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage distinguished by balanced, elegant wines with remarkable concentration and depth of flavor.



WINEMAKING:

Select Cabernet Sauvignon lots underwent an extended 40-day maceration period, resulting in a wine with intense color, concentrated flavors, and firm tannins. The wine was then aged for 30 months in tight-grained French oak barrels, 80% new; the added time in barrels enhanced the wine's rich mouthfeel and integrated the fruit and oak. The result is a supple, multi-layered wine that is exceptionally enjoyable upon release and well-suited to aging.

VINEYARDS:

Cabernet Sauvignon from the Walla Walla Valley gives this wine its dark, rich character. Candy Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah add texture and structure, heightening its multi-layered style. Petit Verdot, from Stone Tree and Dionysus vineyards, lifts the wine and contributes to its complex, vibrant character.

BLEND:

60% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
29% SYRAH
11% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 15.2%
PH: 3.86
TA: 0.52 GRAMS/100ML
PRODUCTION: 2,448 CASES