



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