



CHESTER | KIDDER

2022 CHESTER-KIDDER RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY GILLES NICAULT, WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES:

The 2022 Chester-Kidder opens with aromas of crushed herbs, blackberry purée, and graphite, giving way to layers of black currant, dark cherry, and Black Forest chocolate cake. Integrated oak and fine tannins frame a vibrant mid-palate, leading to a long, expressive finish. This is a wine of richness and depth, defined by its remarkable balance.

VINTAGE:

Despite unusual growing conditions that kept growers and winemakers on edge throughout the season, the 2022 vintage will be remembered for producing beautiful, elegant wines with intense color and flavors. Spring was cold and wet, but by late September, the weather warmed significantly. Record-high temperatures stretched into late October, providing the extra hang time the grapes needed to finish ripening and develop full physiological maturity.

BLEND:

66% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
31% SYRAH
3% PETIT VERDOT

WINEMAKING:

To achieve Chester-Kidder's signature rich, yet elegant style, select Cabernet Sauvignon lots underwent an extended 40-day maceration to develop deep color, concentrated flavors, and firm tannins. The wine then matured for 30 months in tight-grained French oak barrels, 80% new, where the additional aging time refined the texture and integrated the fruit and oak. The result is a polished, layered wine that is drinking beautifully on release, yet structured to develop added complexity with age.

VINEYARDS:

Walla Walla Valley Cabernet lends the 2022 Chester-Kidder dark, rich character while Candy Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah contribute depth, backbone, and a supple mouthfeel. Petit Verdot from StoneTree Vineyard adds lift and dimension, adding complexity to the final blend.



ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PH: 3.92

TA: 0.52 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,391 CASES