

Kestrel Vintners: 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon



WINERY:	Owners John and Helen Walker set out to craft superior wines at reasonable prices that would rival the best Washington wineries. To achieve this goal they selected an outstanding staff and encouraged them to be creative. They have 160 acres of Estate vines in Yakima valley and access to several other prominent vineyards. Their winery opened in 1999.
DESCRIPTION:	The color of this Cabernet Sauvignon is inky crimson-purple. In the aroma and on the palate there are multiple layers of ripe black cherry, blackberry, black raspberry, vanilla, caramelized sugar and a hint of sweet red bell pepper. The wine is ample bodied, complex, and boasts a lingering finish. The balance between tannins and fruit is extremely good, giving this wine some real aging potential.
GRAPES:	Seventy-six percent of the fruit came from the own Kestrel View Estate Vineyard, located on the Roza, six miles North of Prosser. Twenty-four percent of the fruit for this blend came from Destiny Ridge Vineyard, located about 20 miles South of Prosser on the banks of the Columbia River.
WINEMAKING:	The grapes were hand harvested and were carefully sorted, removing any defective fruit, leaves or stems. They were then destemmed and crushed into fermenters, where they were punched down or pumped over twice daily to extract the maximum color and flavor. After draining and pressing, the wine was aged in a mixture of French and Hungarian oak barrels, 35% new, for 22 months prior to bottling.
BLEND:	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 2% Malbec
ANALYSIS:	Alcohol: 13.5%, pH: 3.56, T.A: 0.62%, R.S: 0.1%
RELEASE:	Fall 2007
PRODUCTION:	1,516 cases

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