

Kestrel Vintners: 2005 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:	Cabernet Sauvignon is said to be the king of wines. The 2005 selection is no exception. The color is inky crimson-purple. In the aroma and on the palate there are multiple layers of ripe black cherry, blackberry, blueberry jam, red currants, black pepper, clove, dried herbs, tobacco, earth, rose petals, red and a hint of sweet red bell pepper. The wine is full bodied, complex, and round. The balance between tannins and fruit is excellent, and gives rise to a lingering finish that will leave you wanting another sip.
GRAPES:	These grapes are from our own Kestrel View Estate Vineyard, located six miles north of Prosser; Olsen Estate Vineyards, located between Prosser and Benton City; and Elephant Mountain Vineyards, located at the base of Elephant Mountain near Buena. Each of these vineyards contributes its own unique terroir to the 2005 Kestrel Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon.
WINEMAKING:	The fruit was hand picked and sorted to remove any leaves that may have found their way into the bins. The quality was excellent as each vineyard is managed with love and brilliance, qualities we wish to instill in our wines. The tiny berries were removed from their stems and put into tanks. Once in tank they were pumped over twice daily for approximately seven days, or until the optimum color and flavor had been extracted, then pressed off to barrels. The wine then spent twenty-two months aging in small French, Hungarian and American oak barrels before being bottled.
BLEND:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec and 1% Syrah
ANALYSIS:	pH: 3.62, T.A.: 6.8%, Alcohol: 13.9%, Residual Sugar: 0.2%
RELEASE:	April 2008
PRODUCTION:	1,822 cases

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