

# Kestrel Vintners: 2007 Estate Old Vine Chardonnay



- WINERY:** In 1999, owners John and Helen Walker set out to create a winery which crafted superior wines at reasonable prices that would rival the best Washington wineries. 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
- DESCRIPTION:** The 2007 growing season brought a long warm summer. The cooler October temperatures helped maintain acidity and created a wine with outstanding structure and balance. Special focus and attention was on growing quality fruit, but keeping crop level low (below 4 tons/acre), and monitoring water to control growth and vigor. The reward was a wine of outstanding quality. This is a powerful and particularly well balanced Chardonnay which boasts a rich natural element, is full bodied, and bursting with lemon zest, green apple, toffee, vanilla, honey, apricots, dried herbs and a delicate floral note.
- SOURCE:** 100% of the Chardonnay comes from the Kestrel View Estate Vineyard. These grapes were planted in 1972 and are the oldest Chardonnay vines in the state of Washington. Kestrel vineyard is one of few vineyards that represent the "Wente" clone which yields half of what other clones naturally produce. This produces a different flavor and aroma profile. The wine boasts a rich mineral element, is full bodied, and bursting with lemon zest, green apple, toffee, vanilla, honey, apricots, dried herbs and a delicate floral note. A complex wine with many layers.
- WINEMAKING:** All the fruit was hand picked, sorted and then gently pressed to avoid over processing which results in a bitterness which ultimately needs to be "fined" out of the wine. .
- BLEND:** 100% Kestrel View Estate Old Vine Chardonnay
- COOPERAGE:** French oak barrels with 3 wild yeasts for 10 months, Sur Lie processed, stirring bi-weekly, Filtered upon bottling.
- ANALYSIS:** Alcohol: 13.9%, T.A.: 7.4%, pH: 3.32, Residual Sugar: 0.3%
- RELEASE:** September 2008
- PRODUCTION:** 692 cases

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