

# Kestrel Vintners: Pure Platinum 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition



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:	This wine has the brilliant spice of the Gewürztraminer grape and the lingering perfume of the Viognier. In the nose you will find hints of honeysuckle, lilac, orange blossom, nutmeg and cinnamon. The mouth explodes with sweet citrus and stone fruits such as tangerines, mandarins, tangelos, apricots, and peaches. The lingering finish is reminiscent of sweet clover honey.
GRAPES:	The Viognier hails from the Kestrel View Estate Vineyard, located at 1,200 feet just below the Saddleback Ridge, North of Prosser. Smasne Farms cultivated the Gewürztraminer. Both grape varieties were harvested late in the season at full maturity with sugar content near 25 Brix.
WINEMAKING:	The Viognier and Gewürztraminer were harvested simultaneously and the fruit was blended during press. The juice underwent cool, slow fermentation utilizing Côte de Blanc yeast. The combination of these factors helped to preserve the delicate fruit and floral qualities. The fermentation was stopped at 1.4% residual sugar. The resulting wine is a fine marriage of spice and floral elements.
BLEND:	60% Gewürztraminer, 40% Viognier
ANALYSIS:	Alcohol: 13.5%, pH: 3.41, T.A. 6.1g/liter, RS 1.4%
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PRODUCTION:	4,200 cases

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