

# Kestrel Vintners: Pure Platinum 4<sup>th</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 white table wine is the fourth release of Pure Platinum. Blending the lingering perfume of the Viognier and the brilliant spice of the Gewürztraminer gives hints of honeysuckle, passion flower and orange blossoms. The mouth explodes with sweet citrus and stone fruits such as tangerines, apricots, and peaches. The lingering finish is reminiscent of sweet clover honey.
- GRAPES:** The Viognier hails mostly from the Kestrel View Estate Vineyard, located at 1,200 feet just below the Saddleback Ridge, North of Prosser. The balance is from Outlook Vineyard in Yakima Valley. The Gewürztraminer was grown and harvested primarily from Outlook Vineyard with the balance from Stone Ridge Vineyards in Mattawa. Both grape varieties were harvested late in the season at full maturity with sugar content near 25 Brix.
- WINEMAKING:** Viognier and Gewürztraminer were harvested simultaneously and the fruit blended during press. The juice underwent cool, slow fermentation utilizing Côte de Blanc yeast. The combination helped preserve the delicate fruit and floral qualities. Fermentation was stopped at 1.5% residual sugar resulting in a fine marriage of spice and floral elements.
- BLEND:** 60% Gewürztraminer, 40% Viognier
- ANALYSIS:** Alcohol: 12.6%, pH: 3.24, T.A. .91%, RS 1.5%
- RELEASE:** March 2008; 4,288 cases; 12 pack/750ml

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