

2012 WINEMAKER'S SELECT MALBEC

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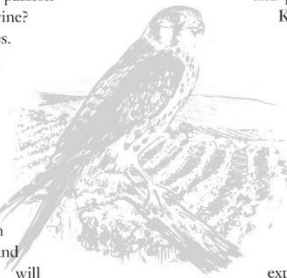
PASSION pas-sion [pāsh'n] noun 1. A strong affection or enthusiasm for an object, concept, etc. (A passion for wine)

PHILOSOPHY phi-los-o-phy [fi lóssəfee] noun 1. A set of ideas or beliefs relating to a particular field or activity; an underlying theory (Our philosophy on wine)

What happens when passion
in perfect harmony in wine?

Winemaker Select Series.

search for perfection
perfection is
Winemaker Select
opportunity to
and creative desire
perfection. These
artisan philosophy
unique varietals and
coupled with
fermentation, aging and
to the glass you will
adoration of the process and result.



and philosophy come together

Kestrel Vintner's

Our passion demands the
even though we realize
unattainable. The
Series is Kestrel's
exhibit this passion
to strive for
wines express our
regarding the use of
growing techniques,
experimentation of
blending. From the grape
experience our complete

We invite you to celebrate our
passion and wine philosophy poured into every glass! Cheers!

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MALBEC
WASHINGTON STATE | YAKIMA VALLEY

*“Dark ripe fruits are perfectly balanced
by toasted oak, cola, mocha and
tobacco. This is a deep full bodied multi-
faceted wine with a lingering finish.”*

-Flint Nelson, Winemaker

Notes from the Winemaker:

The color is inky purple and the aroma is brimming with dark ripe fruits. You will find elements of violet, elderberry, blueberry, dried herbs and spice. Under the floral perfume, dark ripe fruits such as blackberry, huckleberry, currant, plum and persimmon are perfectly balanced by toasted oak, cola, mocha and tobacco. This is a deep full bodied multi-faceted wine with a lingering finish. As all wines from the Kestrel View Estate Vineyards you can taste a mineral element which seems to be our unique terroir. I like to think of it as being able to taste the soil that the vines' roots lovingly embrace.

All the Malbec was hand harvested from our Kestrel View Estate Vineyard Blocks S1 and S11. After carefully sorting to remove any defective fruit, leaves, or stems, it was destemmed and crushed into an open top fermenter, where it was punched down twice daily to extract the maximum color and flavor. Malbec is a particularly fruity variety; typically it is the most deeply colored and intensely fruity grape variety we deal with. It is somewhat challenging due to its having really big berries and often having many berries that are not fully developed. The pulp is also an unusual color of fluorescent green. Every year I look at it in the bins and wonder: how am I going to make wine out of this? But every year it turns out wonderfully.

Tasting Notes:

Aging Profile	Vinyard	Blend	Case Production	Price
22 Months in Oak	100% Kestrel View Estate	100% Malbec	309 Cases	\$40 per bottle