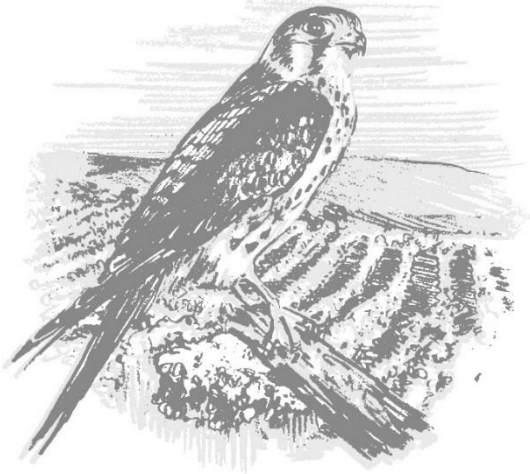


# 2012 OLD VINE MERLOT

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# Kestrel

VINTNERS



Kestrel View Estate Vineyard Planted 1972

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WASHINGTON STATE | YAKIMA VALLEY

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-Flint Nelson, Winemaker

## Notes from the Winemaker:

This intensely aromatic wine boasts Van cherry, Elk Heart plum, blackberry, and black currants. The fruit elements are balanced by cola, vanilla, cocoa, and cardamom. The color is a rich purple-plum. The finish is elegant and refined, allowing sweet ripe fruit flavors to repeat and linger. This is a Cab-lover's Merlot. It is the perfect balance of elegance and masculinity bound by supple tannins.

One hundred percent of the grapes from our Old Vine Merlot were harvested from Kestrel View Estate Vineyard. The vines were planted in 1972 making them some of the oldest Merlot in the state. The grapes were hand harvested and carefully sorted to remove any defective fruit, stems or leaves. Then they were destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters, where the juice was punched down twice daily to extract the maximum color and flavor. These old vines are something special. They produce small canopies, small berries and intensely flavored crops. The resulting wines are concentrated and elegant, with silky smooth tannins. They are truly something special. After 23 months aging in small French Oak barrels and 23 months aging in bottle we feel this gem is ready for your table.

## Tasting Notes:

Aging Profile	Vineyard	Blend	Case Production	Price
23 Months in New French Oak Barrels	100% Kestrel View Estate Vineyards	100% Merlot	166 Cases	\$50 per bottle