

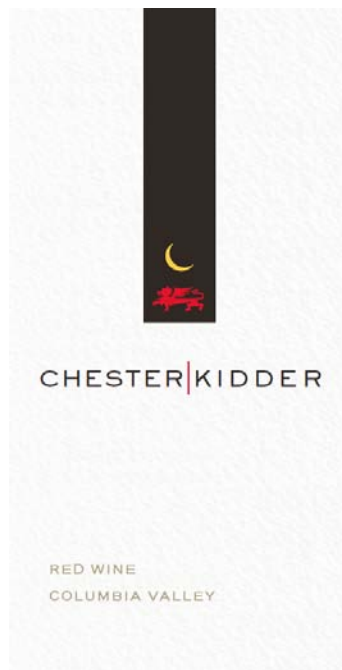


Stephen Tanzer's

International Wine Cellar

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2006 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley 93 points

45% cabernet sauvignon, 36% syrah, 10% petit verdot and 9% cabernet franc. Excellent bright ruby-red. Deep aromas of blackcurrant, licorice, spices and leather. Suave on entry, then primary, deep and sweet, with a penetrating quality to the rich dark berry, spice and mint flavors. This one has a tightly coiled spring and underlying minerality that suggest it will be long-lived. Finishes clenched in a positive way, with a rising finish and broad, integrated tannins. This is the project of Gilles Nicault, who also serves as the resident winemaker for the Long Shadows project.