

*Kestrel Vintners*

## *Lady in Red 7th Edition*

### **The Release**

Our seventh release of Lady in Red, is non-vintage as were our first six releases. It is a blend of wines crafted predominately from the 2006 vintage. It does have about 20% of wine used to produce previous Lady in Red editions blended in to create consistency and continuity from one edition to the next.

### **The Grapes**

The fruit used to produce Lady in Red #7 was grown at several outstanding locations around the Yakima Valley and Columbia Valley, including our own Kestrel View Estate Vineyard. Grapes from the chosen sites produce wines brimming with ripe black and red fruit flavors, coupled with generous amounts of velvety soft tannins.

### **The Winemaking**

The fruit which composes Lady in Red #7 was carefully picked at its height of maturity, then de-stemmed and crushed leaving 15% whole berries. It was fermented at 85° F, in small batches, for 7 to 10 days, then gently pressed so as not to extract any harsh tannins. Forty percent was then aged in small oak barrels until bottling.

### **The Wine**

This wine possesses a deep garnet-red color, centering to near black. In the aroma you will find blueberry, cherry, red currant, and elderberry fruit flavors. These are balanced by tea, tobacco, cedar, earth, dried herbs, white pepper, and vanilla which develop in the glass and on your palate. The wine ripples with bright intense red fruit flavors, and finishes with lingering cherry, dried herbs, and blueberry notes.

pH: 3.60 T.A. 5.8% Alcohol 13.8% Residual Sugar 0.2%  
Blend: 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Syrah  
Cases produced: 9950  
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