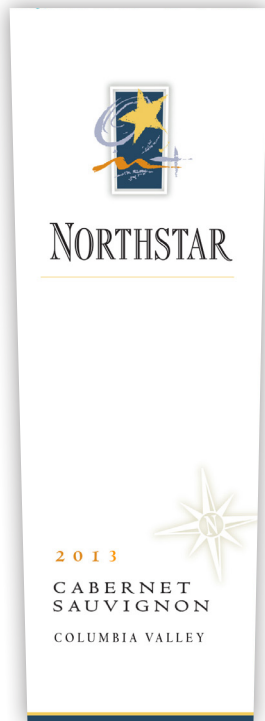




NORTHSTAR



2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

NORTHSTAR VARIETAL WINES

Northstar's focus on creating world-class Bordeaux-style wines begins in the vineyards where Winemaker David "Merf" Merfeld selects the best of the classic blending varietals to create Northstar's acclaimed Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Merlots. At this time, he also takes time to produce the finest expressions of each of these single varietals. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

The 2013 growing season was warm and consistent throughout, perfect for the vines to ripen. Harvest started early in mid-August and extended into early November as fall brought cooler temperatures. The long, warm 2013 growing season resulted in beautifully ripe and balanced wines.

VINEYARDS

Diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia Valley are Northstar's hallmarks. Fruit is selected from the very best possible sources. Cabernet Sauvignon from some of our favorite vineyards go into the blend. In 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon fruit was sourced from historical old vine sites at Cold Creek Vineyard and two renowned vineyards from Red Mountain, Klipsun Vineyard and Williams. Old vine Merlot from Cold Creek and Four Feathers round out the blend.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed, crushed, and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin the eight-day fermentation. The must was punched down daily during fermentation, and was then racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Racking occurred every three months for clarity during the 20-month aging process. The barrel regime included 85% French and 15% American oak – 53% of the barrels were new.

TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of toffee and vanilla lead into a palate rich with cherry, plum, and dark chocolate flavors. The wine has a full mid-palate and a rich finish of raspberry and toasted coconut. This lush, rich wine is ready to enjoy now, but will age gracefully for years to come."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	78% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
	22% MERLOT
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.52G/100ML
PH	3.85
ALCOHOL	14.3%
VINEYARDS	COLD CREEK, KLIPSUN, FOUR FEATHERS, AND WILLIAMS
CASES	1,776