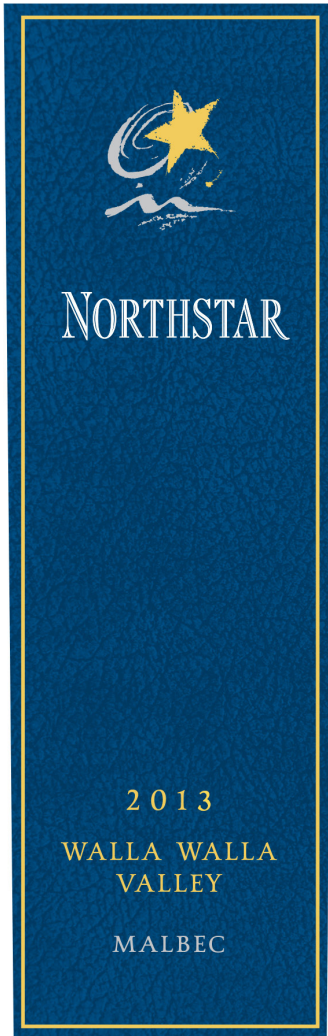




# NORTHSTAR

## 2013 MALBEC WALLA WALLA 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

This limited production Malbec was sourced from two Walla Walla sites, Anna Marie and Northstar Estate Vineyard

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were sorted and crushed with 60% whole berries remaining, then inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin the 10-day fermentation. During the 17-month aging process, the barrel regime included 80% French oak, 44% in new barrels.

### TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	100% MALBEC
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.48 G/100 ML
PH	3.93
ALCOHOL	13.7%
CASES	235

*Food pairings: Barbecued pork, spicy grilled sausages*

### TASTING NOTES

"Pepper, vanilla and black cherry combine with aromas of cinnamon and dried fruit to round out this soft and elegant Malbec."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker