



NORTHSTAR

2014 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

2014 in Walla Walla was one of the warmest seasons in decades. The ripening period in September cooled to more typical weather for the region. In October temperatures rose again to one of the warmest October months on record. Overall 2014 was an ideal growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

VINEYARDS

This limited production Malbec was sourced from two Walla Walla sites, Spring Valley and Northstar Estate Vineyard.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were sorted and crushed with 60% whole berries remaining, then inoculated with Premier Cuvée yeast to begin the 10-day fermentation. During the 17-month aging process, the barrel regime included 100% French oak, 40% in new barrels.

TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY	0.56 G/100 ML
PH	3.79
ALCOHOL	13.8%
BLEND	100% MALBEC
CASES	239

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