



NORTHSTAR

2014 PETIT VERDOT 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 and we are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

2014 in Eastern Washington 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 Petit Verdot was sourced from Shaw Red Mountain and Stone Tree Vineyards. Syrah from Williams rounds out the blend.

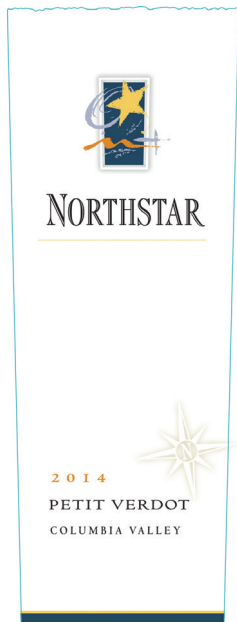
WINEMAKING

Grapes were de-stemmed and crushed leaving 40% whole berries, and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin fermentation of which they remained on skins for 5 days. The must was punched down daily during fermentation. Afterward, it was racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation, during which racking occurred every three months for clarity during the 17-month aging process. The barrel regime included 100% French Oak – 25% were new barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Typically used as a blending component, this limited production Petit Verdot displays aromas and flavors of smoke, vanilla, cocoa, raspberry and a base of rich dark fruit and spicy floral aromas.

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker



TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	80% PETIT VERDOT, 20% SYRAH
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.51 G/100ML
PH	3.90
ALCOHOL	14.4%
CASES	237
FOOD PAIRINGS:	HEARTY DISHES, AGED CHEESE, PORK SPARE RIBS