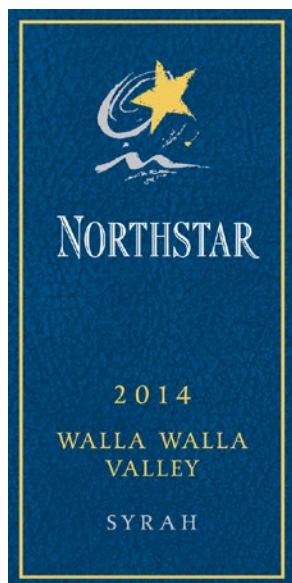




NORTHSTAR

2014 SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY



NORTHSTAR VARIETAL WINES

Northstar's focus on creating world-class Bordeaux-style Merlot-based wines begins in the vineyards, where winemaker David "Merf" Merfeld selects the best of the classic blending varieties to create Northstar's signature merlot blends. He also takes time to produce extremely limited bottlings of the finest expressions of each single varietal used in these blends to showcase their unique characteristics.

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

The 2014 vintage of our limited production 100% Syrah Phelps Clone is sourced from Watermill Estate Vineyard. This site provides the funk you can only get from the famed Rocks District of Milton-Freewater AVA.

WINEMAKING

At harvest, grapes were de-stemmed, sorted, and crushed leaving 40% whole berries. Fermentation was 100% "native" in open top oak and concrete tanks. The wine aged for 15 months in 100% French oak with 27% new barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered for maximum flavor.

TASTING NOTES

"The Rocks!"

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY	0.56G/100ML
PH	3.93
ALCOHOL	13.4%
BLEND	100% SYRAH
CASES	362