



NORTHSTAR



TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY 0.49G/100ML

pH 4.07

ALCOHOL 14.7%

BLEND 100% MALBEC

PRODUCTION 203 CASES

FOOD PAIRINGS:
BARBECUED PORK, SPICY
GRILLED SAUSAGES

2015 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. He also takes time to produce the finest expressions of other varietals such as Malbec. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE:

The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington. Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest. Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region.

VINEYARD:

This limited production 100% Walla Walla Malbec was sourced from two 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 70% French oak and 30% American oak, 50% in new barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

"Blackberry, white pepper, cocoa powder, and cherry combine with aromas of cinnamon and dried fruit to round out this soft and elegant Malbec."

— David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker