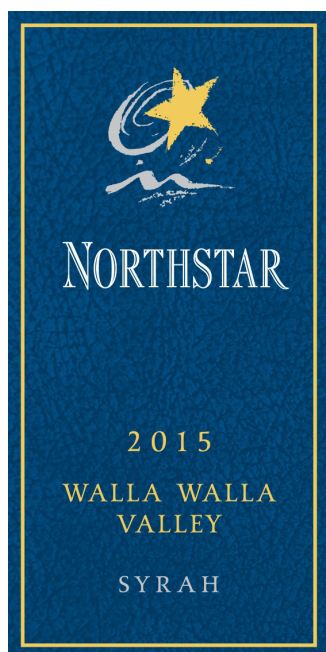




# NORTHSTAR

## 2015 SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY



### TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.60 G/100ML
PH	3.93
ALCOHOL	14.4%
BLEND	100% SYRAH
CASES	203

### 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 varieties to create Northstar's acclaimed Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Merlots. He also takes time to produce the finest expressions of other varieties such as Syrah. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varieties 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.

### VINEYARDS

The 2015 vintage of our limited production 100% Syrah sourced from Anna Marie Vineyard. Anna Marie Vineyard is located at the south end of the Walla Walla Valley. This site provides fruit with intense concentration and fullness.

### WINEMAKING

At harvest, grapes were de-stemmed, sorted, and crushed leaving 40% whole berries. Fermentation was 100% "native" in open top oak. The wine aged for 16 months in a 700 gallon 100% French oak upright. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to embrace the purity of the wine.

### TASTING NOTES

"A savory gamey bouquet intermingling with boysenberry, black currant, dried cherry and orange zest. This wine is juicy and fresh with a long finish of integrated subtle tannin that melts away in your mouth like a fine dark chocolate truffle."

— Karin Gasparotti, Assistant Winemaker