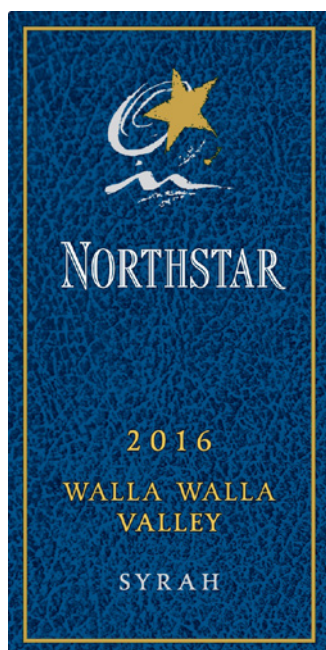




NORTHSTAR

2016 SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY



TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.65 G/100ML
PH	3.81
ALCOHOL	14.8%
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 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 Syrah. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer. A cooler than normal end of the ripening season allowed the wines to have ripeness, yet maintain freshness and elegance. The early dry and warm spring, combined with cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15). Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with nicely resolved tannins and maturity.

VINEYARDS

The 2016 vintage of our limited production 100% Syrah sourced from Anna Marie Vineyard. Anna Marie Vineyard is located in The Rocks District 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

"This limited production wine is 100% Syrah from some of our favorite sites in the Walla Walla Valley. Seduce your senses with this exotic wine."

– Karin Gasparotti, Assistant Winemaker