



## COLUMBIA VALLEY

### 2017 Merlot Columbia Valley

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- The lower temperatures delayed ripening and helped retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia Valley are Northstar's hallmarks.
- Fruit is selected from the very best possible sources throughout the Columbia Valley.
- Vines average 15 years old and yield grapes with concentrated varietal flavors of cherry and plum with elegant tannins.

#### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Herbed leg of lamb, beef, and grilled vegetables.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage has rich concentrated aromas of black cherry, plum, mint, cedar, and chocolate that lead into flavors of black raspberry and vanilla. The wine is big and bold and was created to enjoy now, or for many years to come, as it will age gracefully. Enjoy!

TA: 0.52 gm/100mL

PH: 3.77

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

BLEND: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

CASE PRODUCTION:

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