



COLUMBIA VALLEY

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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.

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2018 vintage was another stellar growing season in Washington.
- Warm spring temperatures were followed by mild conditions throughout the growing season allowing for extended hang time and flavor development.
- Warm fall days allowed for full ripeness and color, while cool Washington nights helped maintain crisp natural acidity.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia Valley are Northstar's hallmarks.
- The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from two of our favorite "old vine" vineyards - Cold Creek and Klipsun.
- Merlot from Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain rounded out the blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were destemmed, crushed, and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin the eight-day fermentation.
- The must was punched down daily during fermentation, and was then racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation.
- The barrel regime included 100% French oak – 40% new. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dark cherry lead into a palate ripe with berry jam, chocolate, cedar, and vanilla flavors. The wine has a full mid-palate and a rich smooth finish of toasted oak.

TA: 0.48 gm/100mL

PH: 3.90

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: Mainly Cabernet Sauvignon with small amount of Merlot.

CASE PRODUCTION:

500