



NORTHSTAR

2018 PETIT VERDOT COLUMBIA 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 Petit Verdot. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

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.

VINEYARDS

This limited production Petit Verdot was sourced from Shaw Red Mountain and Williams Vineyards.

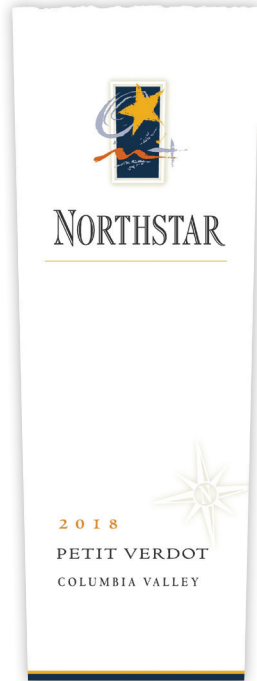
WINEMAKING

Grapes were de-stemmed and crushed leaving 40% whole berries, and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin fermentation of which they remained on skins for 5 days. The must was punched down daily during fermentation. Afterward, it was racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation, during which racking occurred every three months for clarity during the 16-month aging process. The barrel regime included 80% French oak (40% new) and 20% American oak.

TASTING NOTES

“Typically used as a blending component, this limited production bold Petit Verdot displays aromas and flavors of violet, leather, vanilla, coconut and a base of rich dark fruit and spicy floral aromas.”

– David “Merf” Merfeld, Winemaker



TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	88% PETIT VERDOT 12% SYRAH
TA	0.58 G/100ML
pH	3.81
ALCOHOL	14.3%
CASES	116
FOOD PAIRINGS	HEARTY DISHES, AGED CHEESE, LAMB CHOPS, AND ROASTED PORK