



COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019 Stella Maris Red Wine

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2019 vintage was another stellar growing season in Washington.
- Winter temperatures were average preceding the growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and bud break occurred normally.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- Summertime temperatures were mild followed by cooler fall temperatures which were ideal for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit aromas and flavors.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Use of fruit from a diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia Valley are among Northstar's hallmarks.
- Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah were sourced from the best vineyard sites within the Columbia Valley to create complexity.
- Merlot was sourced from Cold Creek and Anna Marie. Cold Creek and Beverly provided Cabernet Sauvignon. Williams Syrah rounded out the blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- At harvest, grapes were destemmed and crushed, leaving 40% whole berries intact.
- Lots were fermented separately for seven days on skins with daily punch downs.
- The wine aged in 100% French oak barrels with 30% new oak. The blend was bottled unfined and unfiltered after 16 months in the barrel.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Pair this wine with pizzas, pastas and BBQ.

TASTING NOTES

Soft and approachable from start to finish, this red blend affectionately known as "Stella," has notes of blackberry, huckleberry, cherry, vanilla, and caramel. Enjoy!— David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TA: 0.51 g/100 mL

PH: 3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

BLEND: 45% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon,
and 10% Syrah

CASE PRODUCTION:

356