



TA: 0.53 g/100 mL

PH: 3.78

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

BLEND: 63% Cabernet Sauvignon and 37% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

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COLUMBIA VALLEY

2020 Stella Maris Red Wine

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Stella Maris, “Star of the Sea” is an early name for the North Star, which has been used as a guiding light by nearly every culture in the Northern Hemisphere since the 10th century. It signifies our mission to play a role in the advancement of Columbia Valley wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

- Slightly warmer than average winter temperatures preceding the 2020 growing season resulted in little to no vine damage with normal bud break.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- A mild summer with very few periods of excessive heat and cooler fall temperatures created ideal conditions for developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Use of fruit from a diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia Valley are among Northstar’s hallmarks.
- Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot were sourced from the best vineyard sites within the Columbia Valley to create complexity.
- Cabernet was sourced from old vines at Shaw Red Mountain and Cold Creek. James vineyard and Cold Creek provided Merlot.

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 42% new oak. The blend was bottled unfiltered 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 cherry, raspberry, vanilla, mint, and chocolate. Enjoy! – David Merfeld, Winemaker