



COLUMBIA VALLEY

2022 Premier Merlot

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Northstar Premier represents the culmination of everything we strive to achieve with Merlot at Northstar. It is limited production Merlot made from the finest lot of the vintage, sourced from one of our best vineyards in the Columbia Valley.

VINTAGE NOTES

- Spring of 2022 was unusually cool and wet. Below average temperatures between April - July caused a delayed development.
- Warm temperatures arrived in July and continued throughout the summer. Consistent heat brought excellent ripening conditions to the fruit.
- The quality of fruit was outstanding. The wines are very promising, showing nice acidity, and great flavors.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Grape clusters from top vineyard sites are carefully farmed and harvested in separate small lots.
- In 2022 the Merlot lot that stood out was from Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mountain.
- Cabernet Sauvignon from Dionysus Block 11 was added to round out the blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- At harvest fruit was hand-harvested and hand-sorted with an eye towards optimum aging. Vinified in small lot fermenters.
- Daily punchdowns were done by hand, and the wine was aged in 100% French oak for 20 months in 38% new barrels.
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered for maximum flavor.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Cured meats, rich cheeses, beef tenderloin, seared duck, and roasted leg of lamb.

TASTING NOTES

This limited production offering was hand-crafted with meticulous detail to showcase the very best that Washington Merlot has to offer. Enjoy now or for many years to come as this wine will age beautifully in your cellar. – David Merfeld, Winemaker

TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.72

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: 81% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION:

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