



NORTHSTAR

2010 MALBEC WALLA WALLA VALLEY

NORTHSTAR VARIETAL WINES

Northstar's focus on creating world-class Bordeaux-style Merlot-based wines begins in the vineyards, where winemaker David "Merf" Merfeld selects the best of the classic blending varietals to create Northstar's Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Merlots. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

A cool vintage marked by a mild spring and cool summer, followed by warmer weather during harvest which allowed grapes to ripen to maturity. The cooler weather conditions during the growing season resulted in grapes with optimum ripeness and sugar levels, concentrated flavors, and bright acidity.

VINEYARDS

This limited production 100% Malbec is sourced from our very own estate vineyard at Northstar in the Walla Walla.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were de-stemmed and crushed with 60% whole berries remaining, then inoculated with *Premier Cuvee* yeast to begin the ten-day fermentation (including five days on skins.) During the 17-month aging process, the barrel regime included 100% French oak with 30% new barrels.

TASTING NOTES

"Spicy notes of pepper, vanilla and black cherry combine with aromas of cinnamon and dried fruit to round out this soft and elegant Malbec."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker



TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	100% MALBEC
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.61 G/100 ML
PH	3.63
ALCOHOL	13.2%
CASES	100

*Food pairings: barbecued pork chops,
spicy grilled sausages.*