



NORTHSTAR

2013 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 varieties to create Northstar's acclaimed Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Merlots. At this time, he also takes time to produce the finest expressions of each of these single varieties and we are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varieties in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

The 2013 growing season was warm and consistent throughout, perfect for the vines to ripen. Harvest started early in mid-August and extended into early November as fall brought cooler temperatures. The long, warm 2013 growing season resulted in beautifully ripe and balanced wines.

VINEYARDS

This limited production 100% Petit Verdot was sourced from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope and Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain.

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 17-month aging process. The barrel regime included 58% American Oak and 42% French Oak – 36% were new barrels. The final blend is 100% Petit Verdot.

TASTING NOTES

Typically used as a blending component, this limited production 100% Petit Verdot displays aromas and flavors of smoke, vanilla, cocoa, raspberry and a base of rich dark fruit and spicy floral aromas.



TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY	0.65G/100ML
PH	3.95
ALCOHOL	14.4%
BLEND	100% PETIT VERDOT
CASES	232
FOOD PAIRINGS:	HEARTY DISHES, AGED CHEESE, ROASTED DUCK, PORK SPARE RIBS

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker