



NORTHSTAR



2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON WALLA WALLA 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. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varieties in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

VINTAGE

2014 in Walla Walla was one of the warmest seasons in decades. The ripening period in September cooled to more typical weather for the region. In October temperatures rose again to one of the warmest October months on record. Overall 2014 was an ideal growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

VINEYARDS

Diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Walla Walla Valley are Northstar's hallmarks. Fruit is selected from the very best possible sources. Cabernet Sauvignon from some of our favorite vineyards go into the blend. In 2014 fruit was sourced from two outstanding vineyards in the Walla Walla area, Anna Marie and Loess.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed, crushed, and inoculated with Premier Cuvee yeast to begin the eight-day fermentation. The must was punched down daily during fermentation, and was then racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Racking occurred every three months for clarity during the 20-month aging process. The barrel regime included 100% French oak – 44% of the barrels were new.

TASTING NOTES

"This limited production, first release of a 100% Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon is velvety and soft. Aromas of cinnamon and marshmallow intertwine with raspberry and black cherry leading into a long finish of plum and graham cracker."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.48 G/100ML
PH	3.92
ALCOHOL	14.7%
VINEYARDS	ANNA MARIE AND LOESS
CASES	407