



# NORTHSTAR

## 2015 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 varietals to create Northstar's acclaimed Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Merlots. He also takes time to produce the finest expressions of other varietals such as Petit Verdot. We are pleased to showcase the unique characteristics of these varietals in extremely limited bottlings each vintage.

### VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington. Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest. Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region.

### VINEYARDS

This limited production Petit Verdot was sourced 100% from Stone Tree Vineyard.

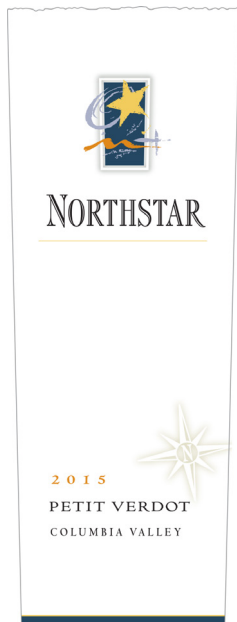
### WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed 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 53% French Oak and 47% American Oak.

### TASTING NOTES

"Typically used as a blending component, this limited production bold Petit Verdot displays aromas and flavors of violet, leather, vanilla, coconut, and a base of rich dark fruit and spicy floral aromas."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker



### TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND	100% PETIT VERDOT
TA	0.49 G/100ML
pH	4.07
ALCOHOL	14.9%
CASES	205
FOOD PAIRINGS	HEARTY DISHES, AGED CHEESE, PORK SPARE RIBS