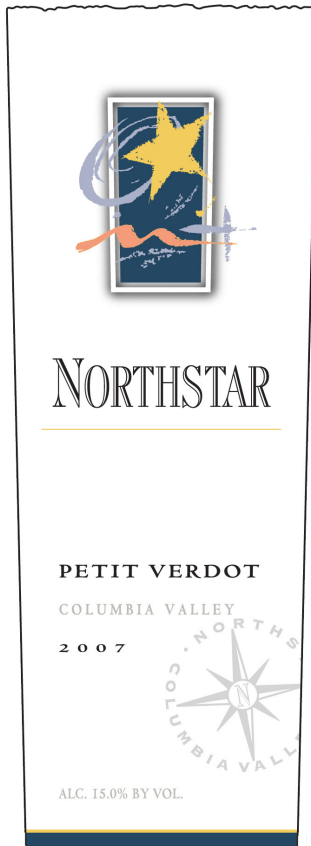




NORTHSTAR



2007 PETIT VERDOT COLUMBIA 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

The 2007 growing season began with a cool spring and mild, consistent summer, which allowed grapes to develop steadily and uniformly. Warm sunny days and cool, dry nights in the fall helped to extend the ripening period into September and October, leading to fantastic fruit quality across varietals.

VINEYARDS

This limited production 100% Petit Verdot was sourced solely from one of our favorite sites in the Columbia Valley, Stone Tree Vineyard on Wahluke Slope.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed, crushed leaving 40% whole berries, and inoculated with *Premier Cuvee* yeast to begin the fourteen-day fermentation (seven days on skins). 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 16-month aging process. The barrel regime included 100% French Oak with 65% new barrels. The final blend consists of 100% Petit Verdot.

TASTING NOTES

"Dark and inky in color, this 100% Petit Verdot exudes smooth aromas of violet, graham cracker and circus peanut, and layered flavors of plum, eucalyptus and vanilla. A robust wine to enjoy on its own or with a hearty steak."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY	0.55 G/100 ML
PH	3.79
ALCOHOL	15.0%
BLEND	100% PETIT VERDOT
CASES	100