



NORTHSTAR

2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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

A cool spring and moderate summer in the Walla Walla and Columbia valleys delayed harvest slightly and allowed for extended hang time, leading to fruit with bright acidity and good sugar levels. A hot spell in late August provided good conditions for the end of the growing season and got the fruit to desired ripeness.

VINEYARDS

Diversity of vineyards and sub-appellations within the Columbia 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 creation of this limited release. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon blend consists of fruit from two distinct vineyards: 67% Anna Marie and 33% Cold Creek.

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 18-month aging process. The barrel regime included 75% French and 25% American oak, with 54% new barrels.

TASTING NOTES

"This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon displays rich notes of vanilla, cola, black cherry, and raspberry on a soft, silky palate. Cabernet fruit from Anna Marie Vineyard in Walla Walla contributes bright red fruit aromas and flavors, while fruit from Cold Creek Vineyard, east of Yakima in the Columbia Valley, adds notes of dark berry and stone fruits. A very elegant wine to be enjoyed for years to come."

– David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker



TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY	0.54G/100ML
PH	3.78
ALCOHOL	14.6%
BLEND	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
CASES	112