

NORTH BY NORTHWEST



2015 RIESLING HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

North by Northwest was founded in 2005 by the King family with the vision to handcraft varietally pure wines from the finest vineyards in Walla Walla Valley and Columbia Valley AVAs, which straddle the border of Washington and Oregon. We partner with like-minded vineyard owners, with an eye on sustainable viticultural practices. Our guiding principle is simple: produce a quality wine, for wine lovers.

TASTING NOTES

Resulting from a 2015 Washington vintage that saw higher than average heat, this Riesling provides concentrated color and flavors. Right away, the vivid golden straw color is apparent. On the nose, fruit forward peach and pineapple notes mingle with citrus components of lime zest and orange peel, complemented by underlying clove and rose petal elements. Rich flavors of pineapple, apricot and pear spread over the palate, followed by a balanced acidity highlighted with a nuanced grapefruit and lemon finish.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

This 2015 Riesling was handpicked, and whole cluster pressed before being cold-settled, racked, and slowly fermented. This wine benefited from sur lie aging for 4 months prior to bottling.

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season had an early warm and dry start and stayed particularly warm throughout the summer. A number of hot spikes during the summer were followed by cooler systems that allowed for a balancing effect in development. Due to an early spring and hot summer harvest was about two weeks early. Temperatures finally cooled down shortly before harvest and the weather remained mild and dry throughout, without a single challenging weather event. This particular weather pattern was ideal to reach a perfect physiological ripeness by harvest, with all the necessary hang time to ripen the flavors and polish the tannins. The resulting wines are a beautiful representation of a great Washington vintage.

Varietal: Riesling AVA: Horse Heaven Hills Alcohol: 13.0%