

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

— AVA SPOTLIGHT: WALLA WALLA VALLEY —

A leading pioneer in the Oregon winemaking movement since 1991, King Estate took its expert and innovative point of view and turned it on to Washington terroir and grape varieties. Thus, North by Northwest was born in 2005.

These wines uniquely capture the essence of the terroir and attest to the quality of this emerging wine growing region. Profiles teeming with rich, dark fruit and earth coupled with muscular tannins and balanced by a perfect acidity have made our Walla Walla collection some of the most sought after and limited in edition of our wines.

WALLA WALLA AVA

Established: 1984

Acres: 1,200 (486ha)

Location: South Eastern Washington (69%) & North Eastern Oregon (31%)

Growing Season: Avg. 200 days

Annual Precipitation: 12.5in

Soil: Silt Loam, Wind deposited loess

Elevation: 400-2000ft.

Varietals Composition: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Malbec

Production: App. 700 cases annually

This region sees a diurnal temperature shift from warm, high light intensity days to cold nights throughout its long growing season. This allows for phenomenal color stabilization and acid preservation while ripening the fruit fully.

Well drained soils and ample water supply in Eastern Washington-supplied by the Columbia River- help alleviate drought concerns while persistent winds help to control the canopy size, leading to a concentrated berry size and reduced disease pressure. The resulting grapes show a wonderful ripeness of sugars and a balanced acidity that is exemplified by our NxNW series.

LES COLLINES

Les Collines vineyard, “The Foothills,” is located at the base of the Blue Mountains. It is one of the highest vineyards in the Walla Walla AVA with elevations reaching 1,380 feet. Like King Estate, they share an emphasis on sustainability and environmental stewardship. Les Collines is Salmon Safe, LIVE certified, and prescribes to a minimum input farming program that utilizes extensive composting practices. The vineyard’s location atop deep, predominately Walla Walla silt loam soils, in combination with long, hot days and cooler nights, contributes to fruit with unique aromas and comprehensive depth of flavors.

SEVEN HILLS

Seven Hills vineyard, declared one of the ten most important vineyards in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine, is among the oldest and most revered sites in the Walla Walla Valley. They are also one of the most technologically advanced in the industry, using computer software connected to sophisticated drip irrigation to monitor and control soil moisture. These technologies are designed to augment vine development while limiting excessive canopy growth. Yields are also strictly controlled to ensure ultra-premium quality fruit.

