SEVEN HILLS VINEYARD

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. It is also one of the most technologically advanced in the industry, using computer software connected to sophisticated drip irrigation to monitor and control soil moisture. This technology is designed to augment vine development while limiting excessive canopy growth. Yields are also strictly controlled to ensure ultra-premium quality fruit.

THE WINE:

North by Northwest wines were born from a desire to showcase the exceptional grapes and resulting wines from the emerging wine growing regions in the greater Columbia Valley. With an ongoing commitment to high quality fruit from Oregon and Washington, North by Northwest wines exude style, grace, and complexity. The 2012 vintage is rich and powerful upon entrance, balanced between fruit and earth. Ample tannins and an extended finish exemplify this wines ability to pair with bold and flavorful dishes as well as its' endurance to stand up nicely to time in your cellar.

THE PROCESS:

Fermentation techniques included cold soaking, punch downs, and pump overs; aging took place over 22 months in French oak, 37% new.

VINTAGE NOTES:

2012 proved to be a very successful growing season throughout Oregon. After first signs began popping up in March, full bud break occurred in early May. Warm spring weather thwarted frost concerns and the vines blossomed in early July, keeping the vintage on very similar schedule to 2008, another renowned year in Oregon history. Ideal summer weather allowed for great growing conditions and quality fruit. With small amounts of rain in September, the fruit was able to achieve great ripeness and maturity by the time Harvest began in mid-late September. When the last of the fruit was brought in on October 29th, all parties involved were thrilled with the outcome of the 2012 vintage.

2012 NxNW WALLA WALLA VALLEY SYRAH

WINEMAKERS NOTES:

VARIETAL: Syrah
AVA: Walla Walla Valley
PRODUCTION: 358 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
AGING POTENTIAL: Enjoy now through 2023
COLOR: dark violet
NOSE: vanilla, blackberry jam, cinnamon stick, clove, black olive, cured meat, toasted oak, pepper
FLAVORS: vanilla beans, blackberry, black pepper, leather, clove, cigar box, chocolate