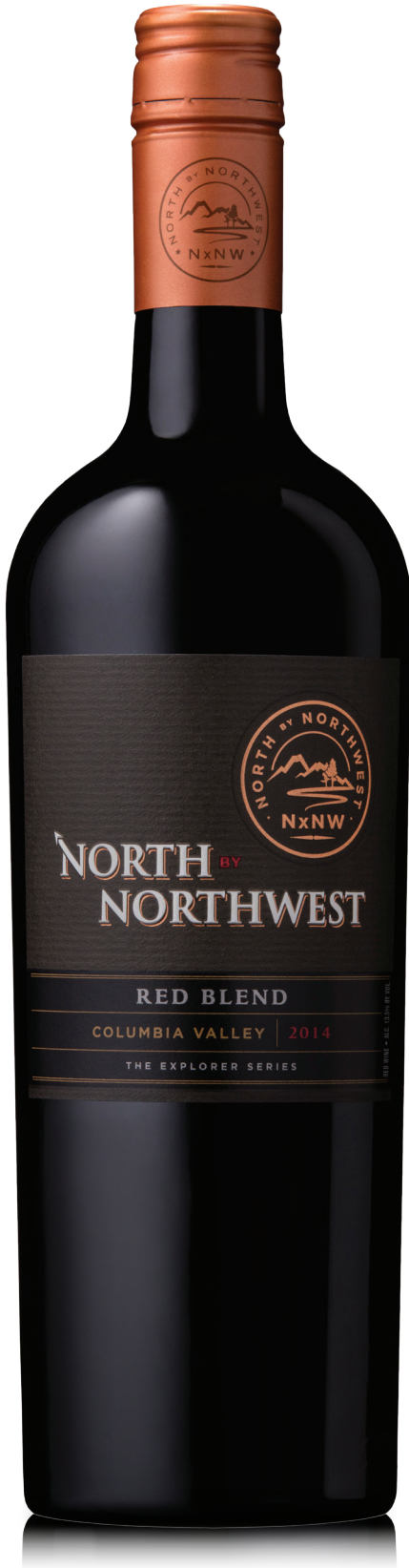


NORTH BY NORTHWEST



2014 RED BLEND COLUMBIA VALLEY

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

The 2014 Red Blend has a rich, dark red color with a violet tinge. This wine is complex with scents of black currant, dried clove, tobacco leaf and leather. The palate is robust with notes of cassis, chocolate, brewed coffee, vanilla and softened tannins. Enjoy now until at least 2032.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Fruit for the 2014 vintage was cold soaked for extraction, then punched down, and pumped over. For optimum flavor and body, this wine underwent delestage, with extended maceration before being aged 10 months in French and American oak barrels, 25% of which were new.

VINTAGE NOTES

Following on the heels of a cold winter in 2014, early spring was very wet with double our typical precipitation in March. Rapidly warming temperatures in April led to bud break a week early. These favorable conditions continued, leading to very strong fruit set after the mid-June bloom. The abundance of fruit allowed for meticulous hand thinning; only fruit meeting stringent quality parameters was allowed to ripen. Moving into late summer/early fall the grape clusters were in outstanding condition which combined with unusually dry conditions allowed for extended hang time and enhanced flavor development. The extended harvest period enabled each vineyard to be harvested at peak ripeness resulting in a crop of fantastic quality.

Varietals: 39% Syrah, 38% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Columbia Valley Alcohol: 13.5%