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

This 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon has a dark crimson color with ruby edges. The nose exudes essences of black currant, ripe blackberry, anise, chocolate and cigar box. It is a well structured wine, with flavors of cassis, fresh blackberry and chocolate, framed by vanilla and toasty oak tannins. Enjoy now until at least 2032.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

The 2014 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was cold soaked for extraction, then punched down, and pumped over. For optimum flavor and body, the grapes underwent delestage, and saw an extended maceration. This wine saw 18 months in French and American oak barrels, 35% 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.

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Columbia Valley
Alcohol: 14.5%