

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

2015

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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 vineyard practices. Our guiding principle is simple: produce a quality wine, for wine lovers.

TASTING NOTES

This 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon has a reddish black center with crimson edges. It has aromas of just ripe blackberry and cassis with secondary notes of tobacco leaf and leather. There are flavors of plum and cassis, structured by hints of ground coffee, clove and anise. The wine has a fleshy mouthfeel and well integrated tannins, held together by pleasant acidity and a lengthy finish. Enjoyable now, and through 2030.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

This wine was cold soaked for extraction, then punched down, and pumped over. For optimum flavor and body, the grapes underwent destage, and saw an extended maceration. This wine saw 18 months in French and American oak barrels, 35% of which were new.

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season had an early warm and dry start and stayed particularly warm throughout the summer. Due to the 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.

Varietals: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

Vineyards: 40% Les Collines; 35% Weinbau, 19% Alder Ridge;
4% Seven Hills; 2% Heather Hill

AVA: Columbia Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%

