

NORTH ^{BY} NORTHWEST

2016

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 in eastern Washington and Oregon. We partner with like-minded vineyard owners who practice sustainable agriculture. Our guiding principle is simple: Produce a wine of outstanding quality to delight wine lovers everywhere.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas greeting the nose are of black currant, prune, damp leather, sage, forest floor, blackberry, dust, bramble, graphite. The entrance is plush and rich. Lengthy structured tannins increase on the mid-palate as dark fruit flavors emerge. Currant, prune, blackberry and plum are joined by accents of forest floor, graphite, almond, toffee, tobacco, leather, espresso, eucalyptus and bramble. Some acidity at the end contributes to a generous finish.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Grape clusters are destemmed and gently crushed. A small portion of whole berries are included in the must to soften tannins. The must is cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermentation is in a stainless steel open-top tank with twice daily punch downs. Aged 24 months in French and American oak, 35% new, followed by 12 months in neutral oak.

VINTAGE NOTES

Yields from the 2016 harvest exceeded projections, even with extra thinning, because clusters were heavy with fat, juicy berries. The year started off unusually warm, putting bud break and bloom a couple of weeks ahead of normal. In June, though, temperatures dropped to more typical levels and stayed cool through harvest, giving the fruit time to ripen slowly. The result is a vintage notable for beautiful color, great structure, good natural acidity and full flavor development.

Vineyards: Weinbau (45%); Les Collines (28%); Alder Ridge (19%); Seven Hills (4%); Heather Hill (3%) & Bacchus (1%)

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon (85%); Merlot (10%); Cabernet Franc (4%) & Carmenere (1%)

AVA: Columbia Valley

Alcohol: 14%

