

NORTH ^{BY} NORTHWEST

2016 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 vineyard practices. Our guiding principle is simple: produce a quality wine, for wine lovers.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Red Blend has a deep garnet color with a rich nose of fresh blackberries, dark chocolate, roasted coffee and violets. The palate is juicy and refined with blueberry pie and black tea nuances that are framed by fresh plums and toast. This is fresh and supple with some spice in the finish. Enjoy now and through 2026.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Fruit for the 2016 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

The 2016 harvest yields 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.

Varietals: 40% Merlot, 40% Syrah, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Columbia Valley
Alcohol: 13.5%

