

# NORTH<sup>BY</sup> NORTHWEST

2019

## RED BLEND COLUMBIA VALLEY

North by Northwest was established by the King family in 2005 with the vision to handcraft varietally pure wines from the finest vineyards of eastern Oregon and Washington. This wine displays the features – fruit driven, flavorful, aromatic with balanced structure and distinctive character – that have helped establish the Columbia Valley as one of the world's foremost wine grape growing regions.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, discover aromas of black cherry, blackberry compote, cassis, rose petal, violet, cocoa nibs, tobacco, thyme, black pepper and anise. Rich and flavorful up front, the wine shows flavors of dark fruit like black cherry, blackberry, ripe plum and black currant. Complexity from the oak aging provides sturdy weight and depth on the mid-palate. The wine finishes with a balance of flavors, tannin and lingering nuance from the oak.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

Whole clusters are destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermentation is in stainless steel open-top tanks with daily punch downs. For optimum flavor and tannin profile, the wine underwent délestage, also known as rack and return, followed by extended maceration. Aged 10 months on French and American oak, 20% new.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Snow in the vineyard in February into March delayed pruning and slightly delayed bud break and bloom. Summer temperatures were cooler than in recent years, with a notable lack of heat spikes. Overall temperatures across the season were slightly above 20-year averages but not as warm as previous years. Harvest began for sparkling wines in late August and for white and early red varieties in early September, close to historical averages. Cooler September temperatures delayed picking for many. A minor frost event in late September was followed by a series of larger statewide frosts and freezes in October. Some growers had already picked their grapes while others left some fruit on the vine. Tonnage was lower but quality was high.

**Varietals:** 43% Merlot, 37% Syrah; 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Mourvèdre

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

