



NxNW: North by Northwest represents wines made from inland grape growing appellations of the Columbia River Basin of Oregon and Washington. The NxNW winemakers have developed strong, creative relationships with growers and fellow winemakers in the Columbia River Appellation and throughout the northwest viticultural region - leading to this richly textured wine. NxNW is a unique lens for capturing the essence of terroir, the character of the people, and the quality of the wines from this great new emerging winegrowing region.

### **2006 NxNW Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

**FINAL ANALYSIS:** 14.5% alcohol; TA: 0.60 g/100 ml; pH: 3.74 **PRODUCTION:** 3,776 cases

#### **HARVEST NOTES**

A mild, rainy spring got the vintage off to a slow start, but what followed was a typically hot, dry eastside summer. The heart of the growing season saw a few typical heat spikes not uncommon in Eastern Washington but overall the weather was moderate. A cool, damp September ushered in the fall and gave winemakers the opportunity for extended hang time for flavor development without fear of elevated sugars and high alcohol. Many warmer hillside sites produced spectacular wines across the board, while some valley floor sites took their time to ripen. Those that did made restrained yet stylish wines that show softer tannins and pretty aromatics. Overall 2006 can be considered a very successful vintage with some going so far as to compare it to the highly regarded 1999 vintage.

#### **WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES**

Aroma: Blackberry, currant, black pepper, and tobacco leaf.

Mouthfeel: Blackberry, caramel, black pepper, currant, anise, and roasted coffee.