

STONE HILL

W I N E R Y ®



CROSS J NORTON

VARIETAL INFORMATION:

The Norton grape is a true native American grape of the species *vitis aestivalis* and the official state grape of Missouri. Since the Norton grape evolved under midwestern, continental growing conditions, it is perfectly suited to our long, warm summers and cold winters. In addition, it is blessed with a natural resistance to all types of fungal disease. This single-vineyard Norton is produced from 100 percent estate-grown Norton grapes from our Cross J Vineyard. This small vineyard surrounds Jim and Betty Held's home on a stunning hilltop overlooking the Missouri River. Their goal with this vineyard is simple: to produce the finest wine possible. Careful fermentation on the skins is followed by 12 months of aging in French and European oak barrels.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Harvested mid-October

Alcohol - 13.0%

TASTING INFORMATION:

This unique single-vineyard Norton comes from our beautiful Cross J Vineyard high above the Missouri River; however, dramatic views of the river below are not all the vineyard produces. Pronounced red fruit, raspberries, chalk and gravelly earth are expressed by the terroir of this single vineyard estate grown vintage. Lots of fresh plum and a hint of lavender. Drinks excellently now and can benefit with 3-4 more years of maturation in the bottle. (750ml)

AWARDS:

93 pts- 2021 American Wine Society Competition

Best Native Varietal - 2021 American Wine Society Competition

Gold - 2021 American Wine Society Competition

