

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:

Deeply intense inky garnet color adorns this famed single vineyard estate grown Norton. Flavors of mountain black cherry and Black Doris plums with earthy black pepper, cinnamon, and allspice complement the bright, lingering acidity and plush tannins. Drinks excellently now and can benefit with 3-4 more years of maturation in the bottle. (750ml)

AWARDS:

Gold - 2021 Missouri Wine Competition

Silver - 2022 Jefferson Cup Invitational

