

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 - 13.9%

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. The 2017 Cross J Norton is very earthy with pine needles and mint chocolate. Reminds you of a Rhone blend. Lots of jamminess and a rich plum compote on the palate. The wine is luscious and very drinkable now. It has like a vanilla ice-cream texture. (750ml)

AWARDS:

Jefferson Cup Award

Best Native Verietal

Gold - 2019 Missouri Wine Competition

