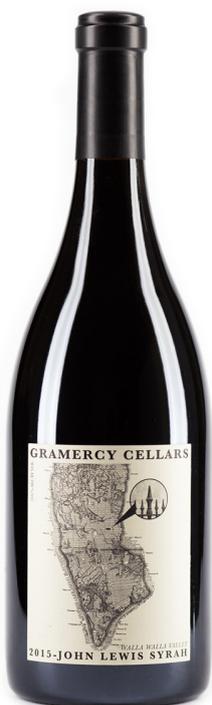


GRAMERCY CELLARS



2015 "JOHN LEWIS" SYRAH

WALLA WALLA VALLEY



BLEND: 100% SYRAH

VINEYARD: LES COLLINES

AGING: 17 MONTHS IN 7% NEW FRENCH
OAK PUNCHEONS & CONCRETE TANK

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

WINERY RETAIL: 85

CASE PRODUCTION: 275 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2020 - 2045

JEB DUNNUCK: 98+ POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 93 POINTS

Last night, while writing this note, I sat and smelled the 2015 John Lewis Syrah over the course of 6 hours and again 24 hours later. I will say that this is one of the most exciting John Lewis wines made at the winery to date. The nose begins with tart red fruit and herbs de Provence, which slowly evolved to smoked and cured meat with stone, mineral, and gravel. The 2015 John Lewis is a backward wine that will require patience, or at least a 24 hour decant for those that can't wait to taste.

The most exciting development in the Gramercy Syrah world is the replants that we did at Les Collines Vineyard. A number of years ago, we asked Shane McKibben if he would replant the Cabernet blocks directly next to our Syrah Bocks 36, 46 and 50. The Cabernet is on the exact same slope and exposure as the Syrah blocks, the only difference being a small access road between the blocks. Shane agreed and we had an additional 5 acres of Syrah at Les Collines. We harvested this fruit for the first time in 2017 and are ecstatic. Very soon this will increase the blending components available for both the Les Collines Vineyard and the John Lewis Syrah. Oh wait, was I supposed to say Les Collines Vineyard Syrah?

The 2015 John Lewis Syrah is 90% from Les Collines Vineyard Block 46, with the remaining 10% from the block directly below, Block 36. Picked on September 15th at 22.8 Brix, we fermented the wine 100% whole cluster in a Nomblot concrete tank for about 21 days with native yeasts. About 60% of the wine was aged in concrete. The remainder of the wine comes from ten 500 liter puncheons and two 225-liter barrels. All of the oak was over three years old except for one new 500-liter puncheon. The wine, never racked, was aged for 17 months then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: VERY FLORAL WITH TART RED FRUIT AND GREEN HERB. SOUR RAINIER CHERRY, RASPBERRY, CRANBERRY, CURED MEAT, BLACK PEPPER, HERBS DE PROVENCE, RED FLOWERS. INTENSE MINERAL ON THE PALATE WITH FIRM TANNINS. ALMOST PINOT NOIR LIKE IN THE AROMATIC INTENSITY OF THE NOSE AND STRUCTURE OF PALATE. THIS IS A WINE THAT WILL REQUIRE TIME IN BOTTLE.

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