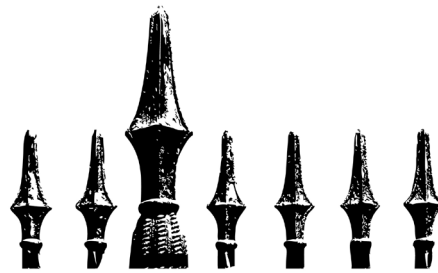


GRAMERCY CELLARS



2019 "LES COLLINES" SYRAH

WALLA WALLA VALLEY



BLEND: 97% SYRAH, 3% VIOGNIER

VINEYARD: LES COLLINES

AGING: 17 MONTHS IN 4% NEW FRENCH OAK PUNCHEONS, BARRELS, & Foudre

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

WINERY RETAIL: 60

CASE PRODUCTION: 289 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2022 - 2040

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 93 POINTS, *EDITORS CHOICE*

VINOUS: 93 POINTS

INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT: 94 POINTS

Our history with Les Collines Syrah began in 2005. It was the very first vineyard partnership for the winery, firming our decision to come to Washington to make wine. Planted in 2000, Les Collines has established itself, in a relatively short time, as one of the preeminent Syrah vineyards in Washington and beyond.

Les Collines Vineyard, located in the Blue Mountains on the eastern side of the Walla Walla Valley, sits between 1,140-1,370 feet elevation. We work with the upper slopes - Block 36, Block 46, and Block 49. Why is this the sweet spot, particularly for Syrah? Because at this altitude, the vineyard receives cooler temperatures and more rain than the surrounding valley. Here, we achieve the perfect balance of structure and flavor while minimizing alcohol levels.

In 2016, we decided to make our first vineyard-designated Les Collines Syrah. For years, the vineyard was the base of our John Lewis Reserve and Walla Walla Syrah. As the vineyard matured, we felt it deserved to stand alone each year so collectors could see the expressions of the wine through different vintages. After tasting the development of the 2016 Les Collines Syrah, it's obvious that the choice to make a vineyard designate of the site was correct. Upon release, angular and stemmy, it is now resolving its tension and blossoming into an incredibly balanced wine. We have made two introductions to the 2019 Les Collines Syrah. First, we grafted Block 49 from Cabernet to Syrah some years ago. Block 49 lies directly adjacent to the great Syrah Block 46; however, it gives different aromatics and structure. We are so excited about this block and its contribution to the wine. Additionally, we loved the recent co-fermentations with Viognier from past vintages. The 3% Viognier provides a floral component and amps the aromatics to eleven.

The 2019 Les Collines Syrah is a blend Blocks 36, 46, and 49 spanning the steeper section of the vineyard. It was fermented 85% whole cluster with native yeasts for 20-24 days in mostly concrete. The wine was aged in a large, neutral cask & 500-liter puncheons for 17 months.

TASTING NOTES: CLASSIC SYRAH AND WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT LES COLLINES. SMOKE, PEPPER, ITALIAN MEATS. RED AND BLUE FRUIT FOR DAYS. PURPLE FLOWERS. WOW, THAT IS SYRAH. ON THE PALATE, SCREAMING ACIDITY AND FRESHNESS. TANNINS ARE FIRM, BUT SILKY. MORE RED FRUIT ON THE PALATE AND THE GREEN HERBS EMERGE. AMAZING LENGTH & COMPLEXITY. THIS IS GOING TO GIVE THE JOHN LEWIS A RUN FOR ITS MONEY.



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