

# GRAMERCY CELLARS



## 2020 SYRAH “LOWER EAST”

### COLUMBIA VALLEY



**BLEND:** 89% SYRAH, 8% CARIGNAN,  
3% MOURVÈDRE

**VINEYARDS:** LES COLLINES, RED WILLOW,  
MARCoux, OLSEN, HOLY ROLLER

**AGING:** 21 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH  
OAK BARRELS & PUNCHEONS

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**WINERY RETAIL:** 28

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 1014 CASES

**DRINKING WINDOW:** NOW - 2036

**WINE & SPIRITS:** 91 POINTS

**WINE ADVOCATE:** 90 POINTS

Walla Walla lies in the Lower East corner of Washington State. We created Lower East as a thank you to our customers and industry friends. Our goal was to make a fantastic Syrah at a fantastic price.

The 2020 combines the fruit-forward qualities of Yakima Valley Syrah with the freshness and acidity of the Walla Walla vineyards. The 2020 Syrah is 75% from two top-tier Walla Walla sites, Les Collines in the hills and Holy Roller in the rocks. Les Collines Vineyard, located in the Blue Mountains on the eastern side of the Walla Walla Valley, sits between 1,140-1,370 feet. The vineyard receives cooler temperatures and more rain than the surrounding valley at this altitude. Here, we achieve the perfect balance of structure and flavor while minimizing alcohol levels. Holy Roller, on the valley floor at 970 feet, is a 100% cobblestone vineyard site. The rocks bring power and classic Syrah aromatics to this wine.

The other 25% hails from the Yakima Valley from our two favorite Syrah sites in that area. Olsen Vineyard and Red Willow / Marcoux. Olsen Vineyard lies a few miles west of Red Mountain. The climate, however, is noticeably different. Red Mountain is hot and sun-soaked. A break in the ridge joining Olsen Vineyard and Red Mountain creates a pressure system that gives Olsen more overcast skies and rainy days with slightly cooler temperatures.

Finally, our Red Willow block is magic - bringing deep red fruit, smoke, earth, pepper, and most importantly, structure and intensity. The younger Marcoux block, with a gentler slope across the property, complements the steeper block by adding mid-palate and aromatic complexity.

This wine was fermented 70% whole cluster with native yeasts. The Syrah was then aged 21 months in neutral French oak puncheons and barrels.

**TASTING NOTES:** FRUIT FORWARD AND PERFUMED. BLACKBERRY AND MARIONBERRY LEAP OUT OF THE GLASS WITH SOME RED FRUIT AROMAS OF RIPE BING CHERRY IN THE BACKGROUND. FRESH GROUND COFFEE, DARK CHOCOLATE, BLACK TEA, AND MIXED PEPPERCORNS ADD COMPLEXITY. A SLIGHT TARRAGON HERBAL ELEMENT, MOST LIKELY COMING FROM THE WHOLE CLUSTER. ON THE PALATE, IT'S ALL ABOUT DARK FRUIT FLAVORS AND SPICINESS. BLACKBERRY, DARK CHOCOLATE, AND BLACK PEPPER LEAD WITH SUBTLE SAVORY, MEATY ELEMENTS ON THE FINISH. PLUSH TANNINS LEAD YOU INTO A LONG LINGERING FINISH.



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