



LES COLLINES VINEYARD  
2012 SYRAH  
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Syrah
Appellation:	Walla Walla Valley
Harvested:	October 2012
Bottled:	June 17, 2014
Technical Data:	Alc. 15.1% by vol.; RS: 0.02%; TA: 5.69 g/L; pH: 3.98
Cases Produced:	547
Production & Aging:	Aged 17 months in 44% new French oak

### THE VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage tracked as a wonderful year across all Washington state AVAs and was significantly warmer than the previous two years. The vintage was consistent in ripening without dramatic heat spikes which can cause undue stress on berry development. Color progressed earlier in the growing season allowing for full tannins to mature in the reds, as well as moderate alcohols and balanced acidity in both the whites and reds.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning Les Collines Vineyard in Washington state's Walla Walla Valley AVA. Located in Walla Walla Valley, Les Collines is one of the most advanced vineyards in Washington state. The vineyard uses a computer controlled wireless irrigation system, chemical alternatives (such as compost tea), and minimal input farming techniques. Les Collines is also certified as a Salmon-Safe vineyard by the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC).

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with the grower and visited the vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This single vineyard lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. The wine was barrel aged 17 months as a single wine in new French oak. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and raked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months, the wine was raked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich with aromas of blackberry and marionberry throughout and finishes with a smooth, minerality on the palate.

### AWARDS

- Gold, 2015 Seattle Wine Awards
- Gold, 2015 Wine Press Northwest Best of the Best



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year  
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year  
INDY International, 2013