



LES COLLINES VINEYARD
2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Walla Walla Valley
Bottled:	August 4, 2016
Technical Data:	Alc. 15.1% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.67 g/L; pH: 3.88
Cases Produced:	328
Production & Aging:	Aged 22 months in 65% new French and European Oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was the hottest on record for the grape harvest in Washington state. A warmer than average season encouraged early shoot growth, without any late season frost. Periods of high temperatures early in the season slowed physical development in shoot growth, but then a period of consistent heat was experienced during the onset of berry formation. The season included an extended Indian summer that was made up of warm days and cool nights throughout harvest, resulting in concentrated fruit character in the whites and lush tannins and color in the reds. The stable weather pattern allowed for well-scheduled fruit picking decisions which transitioned naturally through all varietals.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from award-winning Les Collines Vineyard in Washington State's Walla Walla Valley AVA.

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 lots were then aged in Sylvain French oak for 22 months. 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

Lively cranberry and raspberry notes with dried flowers and herbs. The palate has a rich array of berry and warm earth notes, with smooth fine tannins on the finish.

AWARDS

Silver; 2017 Washington State Wine Competition

