



2008 LES COLLINES SYRAH
Walla Walla Valley, Washington

Vineyards

The astonishing fruit used to produce this Syrah is sourced from Les Collines Vineyard (block 30 and 36) located 5 miles east of Walla Walla. Meaning “the foothills” in French, Les Collines is a 240-acre vineyard sustainably farmed and certified salmon safe with steep elevation changes from the base of the vineyard to the top. This site offers a unique and distinct flavor profile which made crafting a vineyard-designate Syrah ideal.

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Winemaking

Our Les Collines Syrah was hand harvested, gently de-stemmed and fermented in small 1.5-ton open-top fermenters. A mixture of pump-overs and/or punch-downs 2 to 3 times per day for approximately 14 days was performed to help extract fruit and tannins. Pressed immediately after dryness and put to barrel for ML fermentation.

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Tasting Notes

Year after year, this vineyard never ceases to amaze! Bottled as a vineyard-designate wine, this Syrah is truly magical. Aromatically, this wine is insanely awesome, with tar, roasted nuts, orange peel (really), blueberry, maple, lavender, chocolate and some meaty components. It evokes beauty and balance and is distinctly focused on the palate.

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Technical Analysis

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley
Varietal Composition: 100% Syrah
Harvest Date: October 7, 2008
Alcohol: 14.1%
pH: 3.81
Total Acid: .60g/100ml
Cooperages: 29% New Sirugue, 71% Neutral French. Aged 16 months in oak.
Bottling Date: March 29, 2010
Cases Bottled: 81



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