

2021 WALLA WALLA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON LES COLLINES VINEYARD

Taking its name from the French term for "the foothills," Les Collines Vineyard is recognized as one of Washington's premier winegrowing sites. Planted in 2001, the vineyard features deep, silty soils and dramatic day and nighttime temperature swings - factors that contribute to the complexity of its wines. Grown on the steep, west-facing slope of a prized high-elevation block, this dark and impressively structured Cabernet Sauvignon offers luxurious layers of blackberry, black cherry and cocoa, underscored by robust mineral-and-earth-driven tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage will be famous for its warm growing season and its drought conditions, which combined to produce historically low yields. While budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal thanks to a warm, dry spring, blustery weather during flowering caused some shatter leading to very low yields. A late-June heatwave led to incredible phenolic development, while a second heatwave during veraison spurred the vines towards early ripening. Harvest started early, with ideal weather throughout September and October, and concluded two weeks ahead of schedule without any pressure from frost or rain. With average Cabernet Sauvignon yields in Walla Walla Valley of just 1.4 tons per acre, our 2021 wines display incredible power, ripeness and intensity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Beautifully rich, dark and distinctive, this wine draws you in with luxurious aromas of blueberry, blackberry cobbler, blue plum and grenadine, along with subtle hints of loamy earth, mocha and spearmint. The concentrated blue and black fruit flavors continue on the silky palate, where the mingle with savory undercurrents and notes of graphite and bittersweet chocolate.

WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Les Collines Vineyard	ALCOHOL	14.5%
APPELLATION	Walla Walla Valley	РН	3.83
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec	ACIDITY	0.54 g/100ml
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 75% new, 25% neutral		
KEY COOPERS	Sylvain, Taransaud		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Debut vintage of Les Collines Vineyard designate, after years of working with the fruit for Canvasback Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon. Vines for this wine yielded an average of 1.1 tons/acre. Block and barrel selection, with early blending with Malbec for depth, mouthfeel and aromatics.		



