



## 2016 Black Label Syrah Les Collines Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

### Vintage Notes:

After a hot, tumultuous 2015 that produced some great wine, 2016 was a return to a more normal vintage. The growing season was a bit cooler and allowed us to hang the grapes a little longer to achieve perfect ripeness without sacrificing any character. Everything started pretty perfectly in the spring and continued through, giving us our largest crop to date. Despite the increased yields, the long season allowed us to take in grapes that produced wine incredible depth and grace. Fall rains held out until the very end, as we were taking in the last of our grapes, so we were mostly unaffected by any weather event this year. The result is immediate drink-ability in all of our wines, but the wine in the bottle will continue to mature for as long as your patience can hold out.

Varietal(s):	100% Syrah
Vineyard:	Les Collines
Alcohol :	14.3%

### Winemaker Notes

Les Collines, “the foothills” in French, is one of our favorite vineyards that isn’t our own...and we’re not alone. The fruit is highly sought after by a host of winemakers in Walla Walla, and we feel fortunate to have access to some of the greatest blocks in the vineyard. The 2016 smells like purple flowers, violets and lavender, with ripe plums and blueberries. It will evolve in the glass as a distinct black pepper note teases the senses, fresh tobacco leaf and sanguine fill the back palate, and an ever so slight hint of new oak provides balance. Less than 200 cases produced.

Justin Wylie, winemaker