# **LOCATI CELLARS**

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# 2009 Estate Sangiovese

100% Sangiovese 100% Mission Hills Estate Vineyard, Walla Walla AVA Alc.13.8% By Vol.

### **Growing Season**

The 2009 growing season began cool and wet. Many growers speculated that we were 4 weeks behind at one point. What the spring lacked though, summer more than made up. Starting July 4th the furnace turned on in the Columbia Valley and all of July and August were above average. This allowed the grapes to reach full maturity.

# Vineyards

Columbia Valley AVA is the largest grape growing region in the state of Washington, consisting of 43,317 acres of vineyards. The Columbia Valley AVA equates to 98% of the total vineyard area planted in the state of Washington.

Mission Hills Vineyard (Locati Cellars Estate), Walla Walla AVA Locati Cellars' estate vineyard is located in the famed Walla Walla Valley AVA in the state of Washington. The vines were planted 5 feet apart in soil that consist of sand, silt and gravel deposits which were delivered by the Missoula floods 10-12,000 years ago. The Missoula floods brought favorable topography and soil for all types of agriculture. The grapes were planted in 2006.

# **Barrel composition**

60% New Hungarian Oak

### **Tasting Notes**

Our first Estate wine from Mission Hills vineyard, an 8 acre vineyard less than 5 miles west of Walla Walla, is a light garnet to tawny color with strawberry, watermelon, and red and black cherry flavors. Furthermore, tobacco, forest floor, and tomato arrive on the palate to expand the wine's influence and is reminiscent of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir in its earthiness. The finish is long with cranberry and raspberry taking you for the ride. On the back, the wine has subtle chocolate and savory flavors. The wine is a well-structured balance of acid (causing a touch of mouth watering), fruit, and tannin. 3.89 pH and 5.44 g/L of titratable acidity.

# **Awards**

2013 Best of the Best Northwest, Wine Press NW - Double Gold

2013 Great Northwest Wine Competition – Gold

2013 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition – Silver

2013 NW Wine Summit - Silver

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