# LOCATI CELLARS

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## 2012 Vera Primitivo

100% Primitivo 100% Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA Alc. 14.9% By Vol.

#### **Growing Season**

The 2012 growing season was remarkably average. In terms of quality, average in Walla Walla means excellent. Temperatures were perfect for growing grapes, and the finish to the season allowed ample time for the fruit to reach full ripeness. As is typical, we had big swings in the daytime highs to nighttime lows that allow our grapes to preserve their acidity.

### 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.

Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA
Les Collines Vineyard is located in the famed Walla Walla Valley AVA in
the state of Washington. It is situated right on the border with Oregon close to
the Blue Mountains. The elevation changes between 1200 and 1500 ft across
the vineyard creating many microclimates suitable for viticulture. The soil is
a loess silt deposit delivered by the Missoula floods 10-12,000 years ago. The
Missoula floods brought favorable topography and soil for all types of
agriculture throughout the entire valley.

## **Barrel composition** 40% New Hungarian Oak 60% Neutral French Oak

#### **Tasting Notes**

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Les Collines Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley AVA. For the wine club version of this variety, we aged it in 40% new oak as opposed to 20% and we blended two yeast strains together, Red Fruit and VQ51. Ruby in color, ripe aromatics and flavors of blueberry, raspberry, blackberry, red currant, and acai lead to black tea, smoother more chocolately tannin, and a linear acidity typical of Italian styles but remains smooth. The wine is both jammy and delicious. 3.83 pH and 6.98 g/L of titratable acidity. Drink now through 2020.

Cases Produced: 44 Release Date: May 2017



