LOCATI CELLARS

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2014 Estate Barbera

100% Barbera 100% Mission Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA Alc. 13.7% By Vol.

Growing Season

The 2014 growing season was the second vintage in a series of warm vintages. Each year, it has been hotter than average due to the strengthening El Nino patterns in the Pacific NW. In terms of quality, Washington fruit was once again excellent.

Temperatures were warm but perfect for growing grapes, and the finish to the season allowed time for the fruit to reach full ripeness without excess sugars, as it cooled off in early October. As is typical, we had big swings in the daytime highs to nighttime lows that allow our grapes to preserve their acidity.

Vineyards

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

5% New oak 77% Clone 2, 23% Clone VCR-15

Tasting Notes

Our third Estate Barbera to date, the vines have reached full production and are producing wonderful fruit. This wine opens with ripe strawberry, black cherry, and just a touch of cigar tobacco on the nose. Softer on the palate than previous vintages, this wine is restraint and finesse with raspberry, strawberry, and blueberry fruits knit together by soft tannins and moderate acidity. 3.75 pH and 5.7 g/L of titratable acidity. Drink now through 2025. 5% new oak.

Cases Produced: 229 Release Date: N/A

Awards: Silver - 2018 Cascadia International Wine Competition

Silver - Savor NW Wine Awards