# LOCATI CELLARS

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## 2015 Cockburn Ranch Dolcetto

100% Dolcetto 100% Cockburn Ranch Vineyard, Walla Walla AVA Alc. 15.5% By Vol.

### **Growing Season**

Bud break arrived early, about a month before the typical schedule due to a warm spring. The summer was very hot and dry with growing degree days for the year shattering records. The harvest was early, hot, and under estimates due to reduced berry water. Acidity remained in the grapes, but sugars were high. In the end, the 2015 wines are tasting wonderful, and we are pleased with the results.

### Vineyards

Cockburn Ranch Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA
This vineyard is one of Zerba Cellars' estate vineyards where they have
planted upwards of 20 varietals. The "little sweet one" is one of those
varietals, and we have chosen this vineyard for this varietal. Higher than
most vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley, the soil is not dominated by the
Missoula flood silts that define most of the valley but by the Athena silt
series.

### **Barrel** composition

100% neutral French oak

#### **Tasting Notes**

This wine is a different beast than its previous vintage; this wine was harvest later, and is bigger and bolder. Dark ruby in color, it jumps from the glass with blackberry, black cherry, and licorice on the nose. On the palate, it is similar in flavor with firm tannins and a long finish of acid and fruit. 3.98 pH and 5.7 g/L of titratable acidity. Drink now through 2022.

Cases Produced: 83 Release Date: May 2018

**Awards:** Silver - 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition