



2018

LES COLLINES VINEYARD
WHITE ZINFANDEL

DILLON

HARVESTED		September 10, 2018
VINEYARD		Les Collines Vineyard
BOTTLED		August 5, 2019
COMPOSITION		100% Zinfandel
ALCOHOL		12 %
RELEASE DATE		April 2020

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage began somewhat late with budbreak in mid-April. May rolled in with consistent warmth that allowed for rapid canopy growth and also provided a quick, even bloom allowing for great fruit-set. June was cooler than average, however, summer finally arrived and the temperatures were back near historical averages. Summer was warm to hot, with clear skies and abundant sunshine. This helped create the structure and a depth of concentration, while the mild and extended autumn temperatures during harvest allowed for higher acidity than in previous warm vintages. The result is wines that have big & vibrant fruit flavors; balance and concentration, with a supportive tannic backbone.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were hand-harvested - right after véraison - in the cool autumn dawn and were immediately loaded, whole-cluster, into the press. Following a 2-day cold settling, the juice was racked into a concrete egg. Native fermentation started after 5 days and finished two weeks later. No adjustments were made. The wine aged in the concrete egg, sur lies, for nearly 11 months before racking and bottling. Release after 9 months of bottle age.

TASTING NOTES

Not your grandmother's White Zin. This Zinfandel was grown in one of the best vineyards in Walla Walla Valley. We picked, just after véraison, to preserve minerality, tension and nerve. We aged it in concrete to soften the edges while the lees provide a bit of polish. Rose petals, honedew melon and fraise du bois with a touch of petrichor on the nose. The palate has energy and focus with bright acid creating an energizing and refreshing finish. This wine is unique and will open your mind to what White Zinfandel can be

VINEYARD

Les Collines Vineyard produces some of the best grapes in Walla Walla. The farming is high-quality, detail-oriented and sustainable. Particularly well-known for their Syrah, the vineyard grows about a dozen varietals including both Zinfandel and Primitivo clones.

