

# DILLON



## 2018 WROUGHT Syrah

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| HARVESTED      |  | September 12, 2018         |
| AVA   VINEYARD |  | Walla Walla   Les Collines |
| BOTTLED        |  | August 5th, 2019           |
| COMPOSITION    |  | 100% Syrah                 |
| ALCOHOL        |  | 13%                        |
| RELEASE DATE   |  | Autumn, 2021               |



### 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

Pristine syrah grapes from Block 12 were harvested in the cool morning, and then are loaded whole-cluster into fermenters. After a 5 day cold-soak, we begin the process of foot crushing to help break down the berries allowing for a very gentle extraction. After 8 days, the native fermentation became active. After 27 days on skins, we pressed and racked to concrete egg and neutral barrel. No adjustments of any kind. Aged for 11 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

Our most restrained and youthful bottling to date. Quietly aging in our cellar for two years, this wine is just beginning to show it's potential. On the nose, this wine is equal parts petrichor (the smell of dry soil after a rain) and berries. Once on the palate, the wine unfolds. Earthy aromatics frame and support the focused and layered black brambly fruits along with hints of burnt orange, charcuterie & cinnamon. Surprisingly fresh, savory, and lingers pleasantly with a grip of fine grained tannins and balanced acidity helping to cleanse the palate. The wine is complex, yet weightless. Cellaring this wine will be rewarded.

### VINEYARD

Les Collines Vineyard lies at the base of the Blue Mountains and produces some of the best grapes in Walla Walla. The farming is high-quality, detail-oriented and sustainable. This syrah from block 12 is situated at 1200' elevation.

