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# 2021 VIOGNIER

LES COLLINES VINEYARD, WALLA WALLA VALLEY

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

95% Viognier, 5% Chardonnay

## VINEYARD

Named Les Collines after the French meaning 'the foothills', this vineyard lies at the base of the Blue Mountains in the Walla Walla Valley AVA. LIVE Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe, Les Collines has made a commitment to be good stewards of the land. Its relatively high elevation (1140'-1370') results in warmer morning low temperatures, creating one of the longest growing seasons in the Walla Walla Valley. Classified as deep to very deep soils with large water holding capacity and average yearly precipitation of 20 inches, irrigation requirements for Les Collines are minimal, which makes this a special place for growing grapes.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season of 2021 was a hot one here in Washington. With spiking temperatures throughout most of the spring and summer months, we watered abundantly to keep the vines content throughout the season. We harvested the Viognier on September 9th.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Les Collines Viognier is a full bodied and juicy white wine characterized by citrus flavors of lemon-lime and white floral notes of jasmine. The Viognier was whole cluster pressed and the majority of the juice was fermented in in our small concrete egg while the remainder was fermented in neutral French oak barrels. We allowed the wine to spend additional time on the lees, bringing roundness to the mid-palate and length to the finish.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

AGING: 8 months in concrete egg and neutral French

oak barrels

pH: 3.57 TA: 5.70 g/L ALCOHOL: 15 %

BOTTLING DATE: May 18, 2022 PRODUCTION: 109 Cases