

LOCATI CELLARS

(Located inside of the Marcus Whitman Hotel)

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2011 Estate Sangiovese

80% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

80% Mission Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla AVA

20% Cabernet Sauvignon, Lonesome Springs Ranch, Columbia Valley AVA

Alc. 14.92% By Vol.



Growing Season

2011 was a rough year for viticulture. A hard freeze in November of 2010 destroyed vineyards across the state resulting in losses up to 80% in some places. The Horse Heaven Hills AVA and Walla Walla Valley AVA were among the hardest hit. A cool year continued the trend with bud break, flowering, fruit set, and veraison all happening a month behind schedule. Many winemakers were hanging fruit well into October, even November. By the end, winemakers had less fruit (both from the freeze and thinning) but it was physiologically ripe. Lower alcohols were the trend, due to less sugar accumulation in the grapes, and the wines came out more Old World in structure and flavor. Maybe a bad year, but the wines turned out to be great.

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 2005.

Barrel composition

30% New Hungarian Oak

Tasting Notes

Our third estate Sangiovese and typical of this variety, this ruby colored wine is earthy. On the nose, strawberry, cranberry, maraschino cherry, black pepper, tobacco, and mushroom lead to a Jolly Rancher-like acidity with plenty of fruit to back it up. The tannins are strong but work with this wine by adding structure. This wine will age well, like Chianti. 3.52 pH and 6.56 g/L of titratable acidity. Drink from 2015 through 2020 or beyond.

Cases Produced: 62

Release Date: April 2016

