

Waters

2012 LOESS SYRAH WALLA WALLA VALLEY

• 93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR



VINEYARDS •

• **Loess Vineyard** is part of the Leonetti Estates. Planted in 2001 and named after the vineyard's main soil structure. The Figgin's family focuses on low intervention and low irrigation for this spot. They brew their own compost tea and have planted biodiverse indigenous plants to attract the proper bugs. The site is 23 acres at the foothills of the Blue Mountains on a steep south facing slope allowing for longer late afternoon sun exposure. Classic Rhone- savory, gamey, meaty notes from here. Nights are cooler, including later in the season, leading to bracing acidity and long aging potential.

WINEMAKER NOTES •

"Cadillac farming (elite vineyard management), an optimum growing season, and age of vine allowed for a maturity in the Loess vineyard that brought a more mineral driven Syrah compared to the more floral driven Syrah's from previous vintages." - Jamie Brown, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES •

From one of Leonetti's Estate vineyards, this elegant Syrah has notes of black cherry, blackberry, chocolate, and earth with a hint of black pepper and coffee on the smooth lush finish. The 4% co-ferment with Viognier holds the acidity together beautifully.

TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: *Jamie Brown*

APPELLATION: *Walla Walla Valley*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *96% Syrah, 4% Viognier*

ALCOHOL: *14.5%*

PH: *3.65*

TOTAL ACID: *0.65*

BOTTLING DATE: *February 2014*

CASES BOTTLED: *275 cases*

PRICE • \$50

CLUB PRICES • 10% \$45 | 20% \$40 | 30% \$35