

# HELIOTERRA

## 2019 Loess & Loam Red Blend

### Tasting Notes

Winemaker Anne Hubatch has been producing Syrah and Mourvèdre for over half of her 20 year career. In 2019 she was offered one ton of Grenache from our growers at Oasis Vineyard. This was the pivotal step in creating this lovely Rhone style wine. The 2019 Loess & Loam Red Blend is bursting with ripe pomegranate, herbs de Provence, and bright Bing cherries. It's the perfect wine to compliment all of your favorite holiday dishes this season.

### Vineyard

This highly revered and sought after Mourvèdre comes from the Heart of the Hill Vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA in Eastern Washington. The soil consists of windblown sediment called loess that was created during the Ice Age with the Missoula Floods. The southeast facing slopes help the grapes maximize their sun exposure in the afternoon while evening temperatures are considerably cooler to help facilitate the balance of acidity within the fruit.

The Columbia Valley Syrah and Grenache is sourced entirely from the Oasis Vineyard in the Yakima Valley AVA in Eastern Washington. Oasis planted the vineyard, including their first block of Syrah, in 1999.

### Vintage

2019 was an unusual growing season for Washington, and we are very pleased with the results!

Bud break began in mid-April, later than in recent, warm years. However, warmer temperatures in May sped up bloom. Summer temperatures were notably milder than recent years, many of which have been marked by excessive warmth. There were also very few heat spikes.

After the first week of September, the vintage didn't look so easy. Temperatures cooled down markedly and remained so the rest of the month, often between five to 20 degrees cooler than historical averages.

As always, the final story will be told by the wines, and not just when they are released but after they've had some additional time in bottle. Drink some now, and cellar some for the future! This wine is truly the fruits of our labor!

### Winemaking

We tasted each barrel to determine the dominant qualities of each wine. The blend we strived for was one that was luscious, structural and ready for your table. It is Mourvèdre driven, so it carries plenty of framework to carry the plush notes from the Syrah, and the juiciness of the Grenache.

### Technical

Varietal: 55% Mourvèdre, 31% Grenache, and 14% Syrah

PH: 3.62

Alcohol: 14.17%

Cases Produced: 77

