

LADY HILL WINERY True Northwest

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LADY HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON Columbia Valley AVA WINEMAKER NOTE Located on the far reaches of the Yakima Valley, and planted at 1200-1300 feet of elevation above the Missoula flood plain, you'll find 2 of the most iconic grape growing sites in Washington State. It's here that Lady Hill sources 8 separate clones (2,4,5,6,8,10,21,25) of Cabernet Sauvignon to complete our 2015 blend. Harvested at optimal phenolic ripeness and fermented at cool temperatures with a combination of strategically selected yeast strains, the wine was pressed off the skins after 20-23 days and aged in a combination of once filled and neutral French Oak barrels for 24 months to showcase the beauty and complexity of this noble grape variety.

53% Slide Mountain Vineyard, 47% Red Willow Vineyard

CELLAR

Intense hues range from wine purple to sangria showcasing Cabernet's genetic predisposition to tiny berries packed with color making molecules called anthocyanidins. Blackberry Liqueur, black currant and tobacco leaf combine New World flavors from Red Willow with savory herbaceous notes of olive and white pepper from the compacted clay soils at Slide Mountain. The subtle wood impact adds a touch of cedar and pencil shavings to fresh dark fruit and a focused mouthfeel, while maintaining the characteristic dusty tannins and lingering finish that Cabernet Sauvignon has become famous for.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon PRODUCTION: 518 cases ALCOHOL: 14.5% by volume

PROFILE: Anticipate this wine to open by 2020 to an aromatic profile of fruit and herbs. Its structure should hold well into 2025 providing an exceptional pairing to lean red meats.

PAIRING: Bison or lamb chops. Vegetarians should lean towards a classic onion and gruyere tart or Greek Moussaka.

RECENT AWARDS:

SavorNW: 91 Points, Gold Medal; SF Chronicle Wine Competition: Silver Medal TEXSOM International: Bronze Medal SIP/McMinnville Food & Wine: Silver Medal; *Wine Enthusiast*: 89 Points



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