

ANDREW JANUIK

2015 Lady Hawk Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Over the course of the last four vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of this decade's cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the two warmest vintages of the last ten years in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, an early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through the summer and well into the fall. Harvest started earlier than most vintages and finished 10 days earlier than normal. This added warmth has helped create wines that are intensely aromatic with very concentrated flavors.

VINEYARDS

Lady Hawk and Champoux Vineyards are two of the finest vineyards that Washington State has to offer, and both clearly represent the uniqueness of the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Lady Hawk, owned and operated by Judi and Paul Champoux, is a very small parcel of land with less than five acres planted, all of which is Cabernet Sauvignon. Luckily there are no other wineries that receive grapes from this meticulously managed vineyard, thus leading to a truly one of a kind wine. Champoux Vineyard, which is located adjacent to Lady Hawk, produces beautifully supple and complex wines, many of which have become the most famous and highest rated to come out of Washington State.

WINEMAKER

Though this is my fifth vintage and second label as an independent producer, I am fortunate enough to come from a family involved with Washington winemaking for the last four decades. I've had the invaluable opportunity of learning both the science and art of winemaking from two of the state's most highly regarded winemakers: Mike Januik and Scott Moeller. In recent years I have worked tirelessly to hone a unique style that best fits my palate and produces what I consider to be elegant and well-balanced wines.

TASTING NOTES

This deeply purple wine combines a beautiful mix of black licorice, currants, mocha, and spice in the nose. In the mouth, a concentrated supple core of anise and black cherries leads into a textured and long-lasting finish which is framed by subtle tannins and bright acidity. Drink from now until 2035.

2015 Lady Hawk Ratings

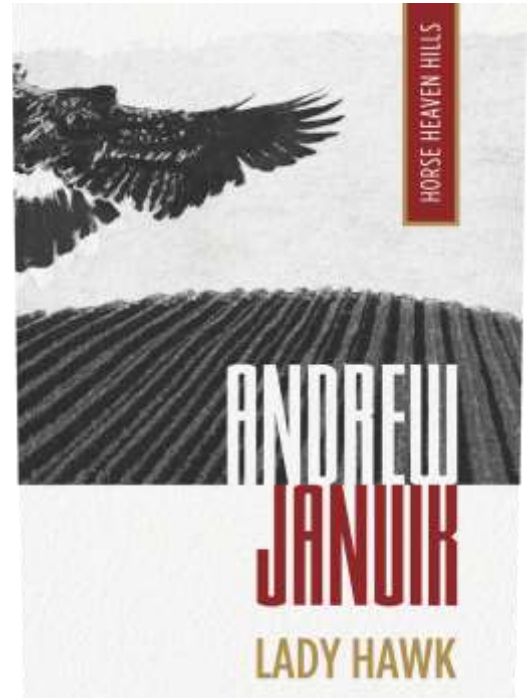
- Wine Advocate- 92 Points
- James Suckling- 92 Points
- Wine Enthusiast- 90 Points

2014 Lady Hawk Ratings

- Wine Advocate- 90+ Points
- International Wine Report- 93 Points
- International Wine Cellar- 91 Points

2013 Lady Hawk Ratings (Inaugural Vintage)

- International Wine Report- 93 Points
- Wine Advocate- 91 Points
- Wine & Spirits- 91 Points
- Wine Enthusiast- 91 Points

**Blend:**

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Merlot
3% Malbec

Cases: 311

TA: 0.60

pH: 3.78

Barrels:

55% New French
45% Once-used French

Aging: Aged 21 months in barrel