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2019 Lady Hawk Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started slowly with cool temperatures extending into late spring, but the weather warmed as summer progressed and the vines achieved August veraison dates in keeping with a typical year. As a result of cooler than average temperatures earlier in the season, crops were thinned during the summer. Careful vineyard management helped support even ripening into the fall, a season marked by cooler temperatures yet again. But the grapes enjoyed the added hang-time that allowed the fruit to achieve physiological maturity, resulting in wines notable for their excellent natural acidity, concentration and flavor.

VINEYARDS

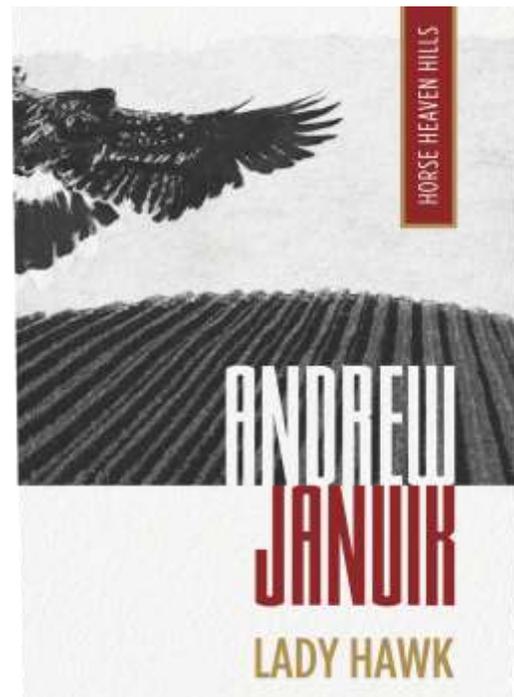
Lady Hawk and Champoux Vineyards are two of the finest vineyards that Washington State has to offer, and both clearly represent the uniqueness of the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Lady Hawk, owned and operated by Judi and Paul Champoux, is a very small parcel of land with less than five acres planted, all 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 ninth vintage as an independent producer, I am fortunate enough to come from a family involved with Washington winemaking for the last 4 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. This has included seven vintages of making wine in the Southern Hemisphere to expand my winemaking philosophy and techniques.

TASTING NOTES

This dark magenta wine's nose has beautiful high notes of raspberry and mineral. The well-structured body is supple in the front, showing notes of cassis and earth throughout the palate. The long, textured finish is framed by strong tannins. Drink from now until 2036.

**Blend:**

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Merlot

Cases: 194

TA: 0.58

pH: 3.85

Barrels:

55% New French
45% Once-used French

Ageing: Aged 20 months in barrel