

POWERS

A·V·A COLLECTION



2015 Rattlesnake Hills, AVA

Cabernet Sauvignon 83% Cabernet Sauvignon & 17% Cabernet Franc

The Rattlesnake Hills AVA is located in a cooler growing region with a higher average overall elevation than the rest of the AVA's in WA State. The particular vineyard site from which we purchase fruit is one of the highest elevation vineyard sites in the region and is located above the Missoula Flood levels that have a major influence on soil types in the rest of the Columbia Valley AVA. Wines from this higher vineyard site typically showcase distinctive flavors of dried red fruits, red cherry, cassis with nice high tones of mineral and herbal notes. These wines have a nice elegance with great structure and balance of acidity that showcase these higher elevations and cooler climate.

2016 Horse Heaven Hills, AVA

Red Wine 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 4.5% Merlot, & 4.5% Malbec

With over two-thirds of the acreage planted to red wine varietals, it is no surprise that this warmer AVA is influenced by the Columbia River to help moderate the temperatures reducing the risk of early and late season frost, which extends the growing season. Planted in wind-blown sand and Missoula Flood sediment on top of basalt bedrock, these are very well drained soils that are great for growing wine grapes. Red wines from this region showcase rich black fruits, red currant, and cassis, with a hint of warm earth. This core of dark fruit is balanced by a nice touch of acidity, which makes wines from this AVA approachable, yet mature and structured.

2015 Wahluke Slope, AVA

Red Wine 50% Grenache, 48% Syrah, & 2% Mourvedre

As one of the warmest wine growing regions in the state, the Wahluke Slope is also known for its uniformity in soil type comprised of wind-blown sand averaging more than 5 feet deep. Most of the vineyard sites are below 1,000 feet and are susceptible to the prevailing winds that have a major influence on the leaf size along with smaller grape clusters that result in more concentrated wines. Flavors typical from this growing region are black cherry, cassis, dark rich fruit like blackberry/blueberry with red currants, and a nice balance of savoriness that lingers on the palate.

Premier Wines Reflecting a Unique Sense of Place and History

RATTLESNAKE HILLS, AVA

- Established in 2008 and named after the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, the first commercial vineyards in this AVA were planted back in 1968.
- Encompassing an expanse of hills running east to west along the northern point of the Yakima River and south of the Moxee Valley, the Rattlesnake Hills AVA lies within both the established Columbia Valley and Yakima Valley appellations. With a grand total of just over 68,000 acres, with 1,747 acres under vine, a majority of the acres (56%) are planted to red wine varietals.
- Beginning at an elevation of 850 feet and rising up to 3,085 feet, the viticultural area sits higher in elevation than the surrounding Yakima Valley region. Vineyards are typically located on ridges and terraces and in areas with good air drainage to avoid late spring and early fall frost and winter kill.

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS, AVA

- Established in 2005 and naturally bounded on the north by the Yakima Valley AVA and on the south by the Columbia River, quite a few outstanding vineyard sites have been developed in this AVA that include Alder Ridge, Andrews-Horse Heaven Vineyard, Canoe Ridge, Champoux Vineyards, and The Benches at Wallula Vineyard. Growers have raised grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills region since 1972.
- With 37 total varieties planted, the primary grape varieties are: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Syrah. The total area in the AVA is approximately 570,000 acres of which around 12,956 acres are planted to grapes. That represents 25% of Washington's total grape production. There are at least 25 vineyards and 6 commercial wineries with 1 tasting room located within the AVA.
- With an elevation range of 1,800 feet at the area's northern boundary to 300 feet at its southern, the proximity to the Columbia River creates 30% more wind while moderating temperature extremes. This terrain also provides steep south-facing slopes for optimum vineyard locations with well-drained, sandy-loam soils.

WAHLUKE SLOPE, AVA

- Established in 2006 and naturally bounded by the Columbia River to the west and south, the Saddle Mountains on the north, and on the east by the Hanford Reach National Monument, the Wahluke Slope AVA lies entirely within the established Columbia Valley appellation and is home to more than 20 vineyards and at least three wine production facilities.
- The 81,000 acre region features approximately 8,491 acres of vineyards: nearly 15 percent of the total wine grape acreage in the state with the top grape varieties: Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Chenin Blanc.
- Wahluke Slope has one of the driest, warmest climates in the state, allowing nearly complete control of vine vigor and ripening through irrigation.

