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Ad Lucem Elaina Red Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER NOTE

Rhône wines fit a niche for those who love rich fruit and complexity but are looking for a soft tannin structure. 2014 Was another warm vintage in Eastern Washington, creating rich, voluptuous wines with intense fruit character. You might expect a grippy tannin profile to match the vintage heat, but you would be mistaken. The lack of significant heat spikes and plenty of cool evenings kept the skins relatively thin and acids balanced.

VINEYARDS

70% Red Heaven Vineyard, 28% Slide Mountain Vineyard, 2% Red Willow Vineyard

CELLAR NOTE

Lady Hill utilizes slow, cool fermentations that focus on fruit and create a soft plush mid-palate. The resulting wines are barreled down in mostly neutral French oak to optimize vineyard expression. Lees contact and minimal handling throughout the aging process produce a rounded, creamy mid-palate and balanced structure

VARIETAL: 48% Syrah, 30% Counoise, 17% Mourvédre, 5% Grenache

PRODUCTION: 1135 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

PROFILE: LUXURY IN A RHÔNE STYLE BLEND

Rhône varieties do well in the long warm growing days of Eastern Washington. Elaina Red has classic aromas of blackberry, with hints of white pepper, orange rind and barrel spice. On the palate, this wine is juicy with layers of berry and floral notes with a soft velvety tannin structure.

PAIRING: braises, stews, shepherd's pie