

AD LUCEM SYRAH SLIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARD 2014



Description: Ad Lucem wines entice the adventurous palate into the realm of the Rhône, leading the curious consumer beyond the familiar landscape of Cabernet and Merlot. Latin for “into the light,” the Ad Lucem label represents a new beginning—an opportunity for consumers to discover new Northwest wine experiences through Lady Hill wines.

A distinctive site, Slide Mountain Vineyard is a north-facing slope composed of basalt rock mixed with clay loam at between 1,300-ft. and 1,500-ft. elevation, well above the Missoula Flood plain, where most area vineyards are located. Because of its location at the eastern foothills of the Cascade Range Mountains, Slide Mountain Vineyard benefits from good air circulation. During the summer, air movement helps reduce temperature extremes, and during the winter it protects vines against severe cold.

Flavor Profile: Bold hues of eggplant purple and eminence are typical of Syrah from this site. The aromatics harmonize between lifted plum and huckleberry alongside savory components of worchestershire, light smoke and cocoa. The entry is rounded and sweet with blue and black fruits settling on the palate. A streak of minerality from the site’s ancient volcanic soils carries the wine from mid to finish with fine, talc like tannins and an acid profile to support the fruit weight.

Pairing: A satisfying blend that will pair marvelously with baby back ribs, lean gamey red meats such as rack of lamb or a medium rare buffalo burger, and also English cheddar.

Varietal: 100% Syrah

AVA: Slide Mountain Vineyard, Columbia Valley

Alcohol: 14.9%

Aging Potential: Enjoy now through 2021

Serving Temperature: 18°C/65°F