



LADY HILL WINERY  
*True Northwest*

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## AD LUCEM SONNENBLUME

Columbia Valley, Ciel du Cheval Vineyard

### WINEMAKER NOTE

Latin for “into the light” the Ad Lucem label represents a new beginning, an opportunity to discover new delights. Ad Lucem wines invite you to explore the realm of the Rhône through small-lot wines that deliver *True Northwest* character from traditional Rhône grapes.

Ciel du Cheval vineyard has been at the forefront of Red Mountain grape growing for over 40 years, and has produced some of the greatest wines in the history of Washington State. With sedimentary soils of loam that are high in Calcium Carbonate, this hot box of day ripening has seen a resurgence in Rhone varietal plantings from the likes of Red Heaven Vineyard and Force Majeure.

### VINEYARDS

100% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard

### CELLAR NOTE

The 2015 vintage in Eastern Washington would be described as the hottest to date, with over 1200 Growing Degree Days above the long-term average. These blistering conditions advanced every aspect of the growing season, with bud break, bloom and harvest occurring three weeks ahead of historical records. We co-fermented and aged this vintage in once filled 600L French oak Demi-Muids to minimize oxidation yet maintain a rounded, subtle oak profile.

**VARIETAL:** 51% Viognier, 49% Roussanne

**PRODUCTION:** 125 cases

**ALCOHOL:** 13.7% by volume

**PROFILE:** Flowery herbal tea, honey comb and vanilla cream with tart green apple, citrus blossom and a hint of bosc pear. The rich creamy texture of warm climate Roussanne is cut like a razor with the vibrant acids of the Viognier. Due to the nature of the Roussanne varietal and its acidic balance, anticipate this wine to oxidize and age into a leesy, nutty masterpiece of dried flowers and tangerine rind. Drink this wine young (w/n the next 3-5 years)

**PAIRING:** rich shellfish such as scallops, crab and lobster, root vegetables with butter

