

Horse Heaven Hills AVA

- Established in 2005.
- 570,000 total acres. 6,040 acres of vineyards
- The region is a series of South sloping benches along the Columbia River
- Located inside the Columbia Valley AVA and does not cross into Oregon. Bordered by the Yakima Valley to the north and the Columbia River to the south.
- The first vineyard, “Mercer Ranch”, was planted in 1972 by Don and Linda Mercer. Today it’s known as “Champoux Vineyard”
- Location of Columbia Crest Winery, Washington States largest winery.
- Source of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd "100" point wine of Washington State, by Quilceda Creek Vintners, in the consecutive vintages of 2002-2004.
- The area was named by Cowboy James Kinney in 1857 after discovering his herd of horses eating the native grasses on the hillside. Proclaiming this is "Horse Heaven"
- **Climate:** Continental Zone with 6" to 9" of rain per year, primarily in winter months. Because of its orientation to the river the heat scorching 100 + degree temperatures are prevented. Drip, micro sprinklers and overhead irrigation is used. 30% more wind than any other region in Washington which helps prevent rot and fungal damage.
- **Soil:** Eolian sand, silty loam and loess.
- **Grape Varieties:** Major varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, with lesser plantings of Lemberger, Riesling, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Canelli, Orange Muscat, Petit Verdot, Chenin Blanc, Grenache, Petit Syrah, Sangiovese, Malbec, Viognier, Zinfandel, Barbera, Roussanne, Nebbiolo, Pinot Gris, Carignane, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Pinot Noir, Dolcetto, Primitivo, Counoise, Graciano, Juan Garcia, Tempranillo, Carmenere, Carignane, Gewürztraminer, Albariño, & Marsanne
- **Vineyards:** 25 vineyards. The largest Vineyards **bolded**.



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| Alder Creek Vineyard | Gungelman Bench Vineyard |
| Alder Ridge Vineyard 815 acres | Lady Hawk Vineyard |
| Andrews Horse Heaven | Limping Crow Vineyard |
| Andrews-Hogue Vineyard | Martinez Vineyard |
| Canoe Ridge Estate Vineyard | McKinley Springs Vineyard |
| Canoe Ridge Vineyard 470 acres | Mercer Canyons, llc |
| Champoux Vineyards, llc | Palengat Vineyard |
| Columbia Crest Vineyards 2314 acres | Phinny Hill Vineyard |
| Coyote Canyon Vineyards | Six Prong Vineyard |
| Dead Canyon Vineyard | Wallula Vineyard 411 acres |
| Destiny Ridge Vineyard | Windy Ridge Vineyard |
| Discovery Vineyard | Zephyr Ridge Vineyard |
| Double Canyon Vineyard | |

Map Reference: <http://www.horseheavenhillswinegrowers.org>