

# THE EXPEDITION



## CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE 75% CAB SAUV, 14% SYRAH, 6% MERLOT, 5% MALBEC	ML 100%	ALCOHOL 13.2%
VINTAGE <b>2012</b>	HARVEST DATE <b>OCTOBER 19, 2012</b>	TA .51	RS .8%
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE <b>HORSE HEAVEN HILLS</b>	RELEASE DATE <b>NOVEMBER 2013</b>	YEAST <b>D254, PASTEUR RED</b>	CASES PRODUCED <b>12,500</b>
	BOTTLED <b>SEPTEMBER 17, 2013</b>	FINING <b>NONE</b>	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS <b>70% AMERICAN OAK, 30% FRENCH OAK</b>
			AGED <b>10 MONTHS</b>



Inspired by explorers Lewis & Clark, who, during their 1805 exploration, thought the ridge above the Columbia River resembled an overturned canoe. We'd argue the best exploration of all is discovering the Horse Heaven Hills' delicious quality in every bottle of Canoe Ridge wine. Uncork your expedition and enjoy.

### VINTAGE BACKGROUND:

The 2012 vintage, while starting off with a stunning resemblance to 2011, finished off the season well: average heat accumulation and cumulative precipitation. Most bud break occurred in early April. Although overall precipitation for 2012 was slightly above normal, it was not evenly distributed over the growing season. August saw low humidity, low precipitation, and high temperatures which kicked off berry ripening. 2012 brought medium sized berries, concentrated colors and intense flavors.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of forest floor and wild strawberries lead to layered juicy flavors of smoky plum and savory black cherry. Polished texture and tannin balance to a deep velvety finish.