

THE EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE 77% CAB SAUV, 7% SYRAH, 16% MERLOT	ML 100%	ALCOHOL 14%
VINTAGE 2013	HARVEST DATE OCTOBER 2013	TA 5.5	RS .9%
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE HORSE HEAVEN HILLS	RELEASE DATE NOVEMBER 2014	YEAST RED STAR	CASES PRODUCED 20,000
	VINEYARD SOURCE WALLULA "THE BENCHES"		OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS 70% AMERICAN OAK, 30% FRENCH OAK
			AGED 10 MONTHS



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 warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. Total tonnage, approximately 220,000 tons, was up easily five percent over 2012, a record for Washington State. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully-planned harvest.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

A ripe and expressive style, aromas and flavors of juicy black cherry and red currants carry through the palate with full body, finishing with a persistent, almost sweet fruit finish with hints of herbal, clove-filled oak notes.