

THE EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL <i>Chardonnay</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE 100% CHARDONNAY	ML 40%	ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINTAGE 2012	HARVEST DATE 9/18/12 - 10-18/12	TA .63	RS 6G/L
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE HORSE HEAVEN HILLS (6% ESTATE GROWN / 49% WALLULA, 45% CANYON)	RELEASE DATE 9/1/13	YEAST PREMIER CUVÉE, X16, EC-1118	CASES PRODUCED 10,000
	BOTTLED 8/10/13 - 8/17/13	FINING JUICE FINING ONLY	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS 40% BARREL AGED, 60% TANK AGED (65% AMERICAN, 30% FRENCH, 5% HUNGARIAN)
			AGED 9 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 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:

Brilliant yellow-gold in color this wine explodes from the glass with toast, butterscotch and honeysuckle aromas. Flavors of ripe pear combine with crème brûlée and ripe peaches. Citrus notes and hints of minerality add complexity. The palate is smooth and creamy with balanced acidity driving flavors from start to end. The finish lingers with a hints of nectarine and a slight toasty note.