RESERVE

CANOE RIDGE

VINEYARD



2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



TASTING NOTE

Vibrant and plush in texture, refined notes of black cherry and currant layer with floral flavors, coming together smoothly. A long, expressive finish shows well-structured tannins and hints of vanilla.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Located along the broadest stretch of the Columbia River, our vineyards enjoy a wonderful climate, with warm days and cool nights yielding high quality grapes. The slope of shallow, low nutrients sandy loam soils over volcanic rock yields grape clusters and berries that are small and very concentrated in flavor and color. The result is our most concentrated and complex Cabernet Sauvignon, amplifying the unique personality of Canoe Ridge Vineyard. This Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised primarily of grapes grown in Block 1, one of the three oldest Cabernet Sauvignon blocks.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2011 growing season was the coolest and longest on record. Similar to the 2010 vintage, 2011 began with a cool, wet spring that delayed flowering and lightened the crop set. The weather warmed up in mid-July, but temperatures remained moderate until late August. Veraison started late August, and extended well into September. The naturally low yields were then provided six weeks of consistently warm weather to help phenolic ripeness and flavor development. Overall, this vintage shows balanced and elegant wines with crisp natural acidity and fruit forward flavors.

APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

GRAPE SOURCE

Canoe Ridge Vineyard, Taylor Mag (Red Mountain), Doval (Wahluke Slope)

Blend

77% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot 5% Malbec 8% Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE 2011

HARVEST DATE
November 2011

YEAST D254

OAK

French 33% new

AGED
20 months

FINING

None

ALCOHOL 13.1%