

RESERVE
CANOE RIDGE
VINEYARD



2012
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



TASTING NOTE

Ripe with blackberry aromas and flavors, this Cabernet Sauvignon is accented by spicy-cedar oak notes and hints of licorice. The palate finishes with well-supported tannins complemented by sweet, light vanilla nuances.

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 2012 vintage, while starting off with a stunning resemblance to 2011, finished off the season well with 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.

APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

GRAPE SOURCE

Canoe Ridge Vineyard

BLEND

75% Cabernet Sauvignon

16% Merlot

5% Malbec

4% Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE

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HARVEST DATE

October 2012

YEAST

D254

OAK

33% New French Oak

67% Neutral oak

AGED

18 months

ALCOHOL

14.30%