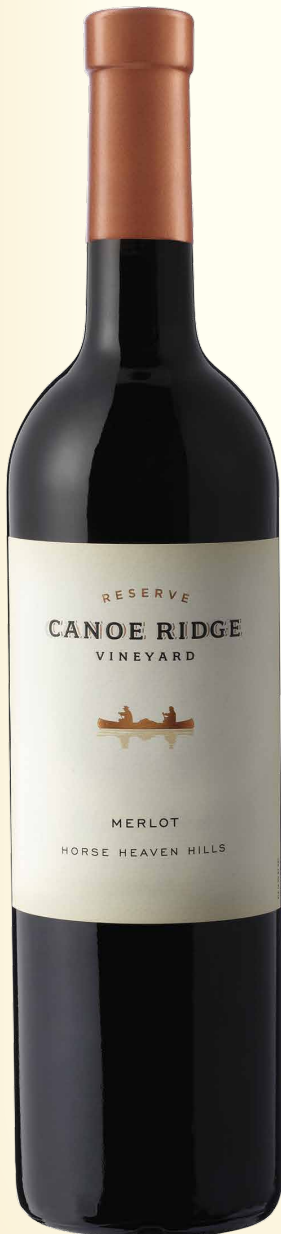


RESERVE
CANOE RIDGE
VINEYARD



2011
MERLOT
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



TASTING NOTE

Smooth and approachable with delicious aromas of Bing cherry, chocolate & toffee meld into a nice round soft mouth feel. Soft nuances of vanilla from oak aging add to the smooth and velvety finish.

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 Merlot, amplifying the unique personality of Canoe Ridge Vineyard. Our Reserve Merlot is a blend comprised primarily of grapes grown in Block 12, one of the three oldest Merlot 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
Doval (Wahluke Slope)*

BLEND

*98% Merlot
2% Malbec*

VINTAGE

2011

HARVEST DATE

October 20, 2011

YEAST

D254

ML

100%

OAK

*French Oak
33% New*

AGED

20 months

ALCOHOL

13.1%