

RESERVE
CANOE RIDGE
VINEYARD



2010
MERLOT
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



TASTING NOTE

A well-structured, fruit-driven style, with ambitious toasty fig combined with layered blackberry, black currant, and plum notes. The long finish flashes a soft hint of vanilla oak notes.

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 2010 growing season was on schedule with bud break in early April, but a cool, wet spring led to delayed flowering and reduced fruit set across many varieties. An unusually cool summer produced dramatic differences in ripening between our warmer and cooler sites, with veraison extending well into September in some cooler areas. However, modest yields, combined with over a month of consistently warm weather from late September through late October, produced phenolic ripeness and flavor development with extraordinary natural acidity. Cool, wet weather returned in late October, but the harvest team proved nimble. Overall, balanced and elegant wines showed just slightly lower alcohol and higher acidity than average harvests.

APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

GRAPE SOURCE

Canoe Ridge Vineyard

Blend

*88% Merlot
7% Cabernet Franc
5% Malbec*

VINTAGE

2010

HARVEST DATE

October 2010

YEAST

D254

OAK

*American & French
33% new*

AGED

18 months

FINING

None

BOTTLED

October 2012

TA	RS	ML
<i>6.1 g/l</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>100%</i>

CASES PRODUCED

4,400

RELEASED DATE

April 2013