

THE EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL <i>Malbec</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE 100% MALBEC	ML YES	PH 3.64	ALCOHOL 13%	FINING NONE
VINTAGE 2015	HARVEST DATE OCTOBER 2015	TA 5.3	RS 0 G/L	CASES PRODUCED 2,000	
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE HORSE HEAVEN HILLS / WAHLUKE SLOPE	BOTTLED JULY 2016	YEAST RX212	AGED 9 MONTHS	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS 50% FRENCH OAK / 50% AMERICAN OAK	
	RELEASE DATE FALL 2016	VINEYARD SOURCE 50% ALDER RIDGE, 40% CANOE RIDGE, 10% DOVAL			



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 delicious quality in every bottle of Canoe Ridge wine. Uncork your expedition and enjoy.

VINTAGE BACKGROUND:

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed the record 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

Rich and intricate flavors of currant, plum, blackberry, vanilla and spice are followed by soft tannins, a round mouthfeel and a long, lingering finish.