## THE EXPEDITION



## CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

| VARIETAL Merlot    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| VINTAGE 2014       |         |
| AVA / GRAPE SOURCE |         |
| HORSE HEAVEN HILLS | <u></u> |

|       | VARIETY PERCENTAGE        | YES    | 4.2 G/L  | ALCOHOL 13.9%          | EINING LIQUIGEL         |
|-------|---------------------------|--------|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| ////  | HARVEST DATE OCTOBER 2014 | 6.0    | 3.53     | CASES PRODUCED         |                         |
| ///// | AUGUST 2015               | RC212  |          | OAK / STAINLESS DETAIL | CAN OAK, 30% FRENCH OAK |
| ///// | VINEYARD SOURCE           | NEYARD | IO MONTH | ıs                     |                         |



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 Horse Heaven Hills' delicious quality in every bottle of Canoe Ridge wine. Uncork your expedition and enjoy.

## VINTAGE BACKGROUND:

The 2014 Washington State harvest proved to be spectacular with a record crop level and excellent quality. All factors needed for success came together perfectly: cool nights, lots of warm weather in the growing season, and rain limited mostly to the shoulder seasons. Harvest started the third week of August and wrapped in the second week of November. The crop across the state was heavy, yet bountiful with quality. Our vineyard team enjoyed weather that enabled them to pick at will, affording perfect flavor, acidity and sugar levels.

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

Gorgeous dark berry aromas mix with flavors of currant cherry, and a hint of candied violet on the long, silky finish.