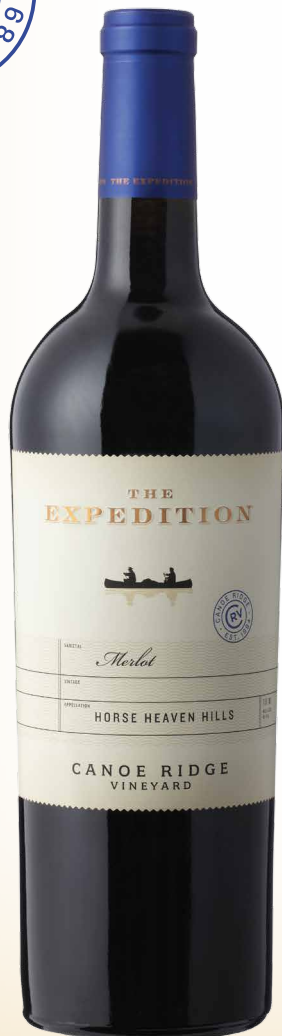


THE EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL <i>Merlot</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE 91% MERLOT/ 9% SYRAH	ML 100%	RS 3 G/L	ALCOHOL 14.87%	FINING EGG WHITE
VINTAGE 2015	HARVEST DATE OCTOBER 2015	TA 5.3	PH 3.81	CASES PRODUCED 12,000	
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE HORSE HEAVEN HILLS	BOTTLED JULY 2016	YEAST RED STAR	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS 100% AMERICAN		
	VINEYARD SOURCE 50% THE BENCHES, 50% CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD	AGED 9 MONTHS			



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 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 even the 227,000-ton record set during the 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:

Gorgeous dark berry aromas mix with vibrant flavors of currants, cherries and a kiss of candied violets on the long, silky finish.