

THE EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL	<i>Red Blend</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE	67% MERLOT, 23% SYRAH, 5% MALBEC, 5% CAB FRANC	ML	YES	PH	3.8	ALCOHOL	14.4%	FINING	PVPP & BENTONITE
VINTAGE	2015	HARVEST DATE	SEPTEMBER 2015	TA	5.3	RS	0 G/L	CASES PRODUCED	4,800		
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE	HORSE HEAVEN HILLS	BOTTLED	JULY 2016	YEAST	RC212	AGED	9 MONTHS	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS	FRENCH OAK (33% NEW)		
		VINEYARD SOURCE	CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD, THE BENCHES, ALDER RIDGE								



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:

This unique red blend opens with rich aromas of blackberry, vanilla and toasted oak. Soft tannins and a silky, satisfying mouthfeel complement the complex fruit flavors on the long, persistent finish.