

# CANOE RIDGE

## VINEYARD

# THE EXPLORER

## 2014 | RED BLEND



*As legend has it, explorers Lewis and Clark noticed a ridge resembling an overturned canoe on their Columbia River journey, inspiring our Canoe Ridge Vineyard name. Established in 1989, Canoe Ridge Vineyard is one of Washington State's leading wineries, offering true varietal character made for everyday enjoyment. From our estate vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills to the surrounding Columbia Valley, winemaker Bill Murray selects from the very best grapes to create each varietal offering.*

### ABOUT THE EXPLORER

For the wine enthusiast with a true Northwest taste for adventure, The Explorer by Canoe Ridge Vineyard reflects the natural beauty and terroir of our Horse Heaven Hills vineyard overlooking the Columbia River.

### TASTING NOTE

This fruit forward blend offers notes of cassis, blackberry, plum, and a kiss of cedar on the long, lingering finish.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

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.

### APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

### VINTAGE

2014

### VINEYARDS

53% Wallula, 35% Alder,  
12% Canoe Ridge

### VARIETY PERCENTAGE

49% Syrah, 27% Cabernet Franc,  
24% Cabernet Sauvignon

### HARVEST DATE

October 2014

### YEAST

RC212

### OAK

French Oak, 45% new

### AGED

17 months

### TA RS

5.80 g/l 0

### ML ALC

Yes 14.6%

### FINING

Yes

### BOTTLED

Aug 2016

### CASES PRODUCED

1,260