

CANOE RIDGE

VINEYARD

THE EXPLORER

2015 | 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

Deep garnet in color, this wine shows terrific aromatics of deep cherry and a bit of dusty bramble. On the palate, cherry, black licorice and plum are complemented by warm baking spice and vanilla. Well-structured with integrated tannins, this wine lingers pleasantly on the palate with a long finish.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

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.

ACCOLADES

Best Buy, Wine & Spirits | 91 points, Wine Spectator

APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

VINEYARDS

40% Alder Ridge, 30% Canoe Ridge Vineyard and 30% The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap

VARIETY PERCENTAGE

44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Syrah, 20% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATE

October 2015

YEAST

RC212

OAK

Aged completely in French Oak, 50% new and 50% second and third-use barrels.

TA	pH	AGED
5.57 g/l	3.75	20 months

ML	ALC
100%	14.62%

FINING

Egg white

BOTTLED

September 21, 2017

RELEASE DATE

December 2017

CASES PRODUCED

5,000