

# CANOE RIDGE

## VINEYARD



## COLUMBIA VALLEY

2018  
MERLOT



*Canoe Ridge Vineyard's Columbia Valley wines offer an authentic Northwest journey from one of Washington State's most recognizable wineries.*

*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.*

### AVA BACKGROUND

Known for its warm site vineyards that are cooled by up-river winds, lending tannic complexity to full flavored wines of all varieties.

### TASTING NOTE

This Merlot offers a full palette bursting with black fruit flavors of plums and black cherry, accompanied by soft, lingering tannins throughout the long finish.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Drier weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. White varietals will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varietals will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varietals, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

### APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

### VARIETY PERCENTAGE

90% Merlot, 9% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

### HARVEST DATE

September - October 2018

### OAK

French Oak

### AGED

6 months

### TA

5.31 g/L

### PH

3.96

### ALC

14.0%

