

THE EXPEDITION

CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD



VARIETAL	<i>Merlot</i>		VARIETY PERCENTAGE	100% MERLOT	
VINTAGE	2018		HARVEST DATE	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018	TA 4.63 G/L PH 3.81
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE	HORSE HEAVEN HILLS		AGED	12 MONTHS IN BARREL	ALCOHOL 14.01% OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS FRENCH OAK BARRELS



TASTING NOTES

Gorgeous dark berry aromas mix with flavors of currant, cherry and a hint of candied violet on the long, silky finish.

VINTAGE BACKGROUND

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.

AVA BACKGROUND

100% Horse Heaven Hills appellation. Known for its warm site vineyards that are cooled by up-river winds, lending tannic complexity to full flavored wines of all varieties.

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