

SUMMIT SERIES

CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD



2018

MALBEC

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

TASTING NOTE

Aromatics of bramble fruits open to deep and dense blackberry, raspberry and currant flavors, followed by well-integrated notes of spice and cocoa on the delightfully 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 varieties will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varieties will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varieties, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

AVA BACKGROUND

CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Known for its warm site vineyards that are cooled by up-river winds, Horse Heaven Hills lends tannic complexity to full flavored wines of all varieties. This wine comes entirely from Canoe Ridge Vineyard Block 19 which is grown on sandy soils giving it a real purity of varietal expression.

WINEMAKING

HARVEST DATE

Oct 2018

OAK

100% French oak barrels

AGEING

18 mo. in barrel

VARIETAL BLEND

100% Malbec

TA

5.69 g/L

PH

3.70

ALC

14.32%