

EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL	<i>Merlot</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE	94% MERLOT, 3% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 3% CABERNET FRANC		
VINTAGE	2020	HARVEST DATE	TA	PH	
		OCTOBER 2020	5.74 G/L	3.68	
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE	HORSE HEAVEN HILLS	AGED	ALCOHOL	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS	
		12 MONTHS	13.9%	FRENCH OAK BARRELS	



TASTING NOTES

Bright Cherry gives way to black currant, floral notes of violet with a long finish exhibiting structured tannins. Pair with grilled cuts of steak & chicken along with pork, lamb and veal accompanied with garlic and mushrooms.

VINTAGE BACKGROUND

The 2020 growing season proved to be an excellent year, particularly for red varieties. Quality from this vintage has proven excellent due to stellar weather. Beautiful growing conditions during maturation and low disease pressure gave our winemakers a promising start. Smaller-than-anticipated tons per acre and relatively small berry size allowed the grapes to ripen earlier than prior years. The vineyard teams harvested earlier than usual while the weather outside was ideal. At harvest, the reds were showing more intensity in this vintage than the last few harvests; most lots expressed exceptional fruity characteristics and darker colors, promising more intense flavor concentrations in the end result. Aromatics such as Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Viognier were also true to variety and wonderfully floral. Ultimately, 2020 delivered a high-quality harvest.

AVA BACKGROUND

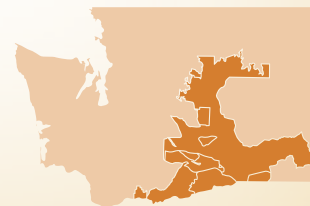
Known for its many varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley acts as an umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVA's fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and do not overlap another sub-AV

ACCLAIM

2018 – 92 Points, *James Suckling*

2017 – 91 Points & Smart Buy, *Wine Spectator*

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