

EXPEDITION



CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL	<i>Red Blend</i>		VARIETY PERCENTAGE	35% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 34% MERLOT, 30% SYRAH, 1% CABERNET FRANC		
VINTAGE	2020		HARVEST DATE	SEPT.-OCT. 2020	TA	5.65 G/L
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE	HORSE HEAVEN HILLS		AGED	12 MONTHS	PH	3.79
					ALCOHOL	13.9%
					OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS FRENCH OAK BARRELS	



TASTING NOTES

Dark Fruit driven Red Blend with notes of blackberry, cherry and plum on the palate, followed by hint of cedar, vanilla, violet and leather on a lingering finish. Pair with Filet Mignon, gorgonzola cheese, or roasted pork loin.

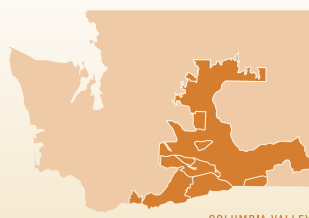
VINTAGE BACKGROUND

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

Despite harvest-time frost predicted in the Horse Heaven Hills, our Canoe Ridge, Alder Ridge and Wallula vineyards are historically insulated from frost effects or cold damage, due to the moderating effects of the nearby Columbia River. All three of these sections slope directly toward the river.

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