

CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

THE EXPLORER

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 Haydn Moat selects from the very best grapes to create each varietal offering.



ABOUT THE EXPLORER

For the wine enthusiast with a true Northwest taste for adventure, The Explorer by Canoe Ridge Vineyard reflects the natural beauty and terroir of our Horse Heaven Hills vineyard overlooking the Columbia River.

TASTING NOTE

Rich aromas of blackberries and black currants carry through the palate with balanced tannins and a nice French oak influence.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season proved to be an excellent year. 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. Most lots expressed exceptional fruity characteristics and darker colors, promising more intense flavor concentrations in the end result.

ACCLAIM

2018 | 91 Points, Editor's Choice – *Wine Enthusiast*

APPELLATION

Horse Heaven Hills

VINEYARDS

58.07% Canoe Ridge, 32.96% Alder Ridge, 5.46% Dionysus, 3.51% Wallula Vineyard

VARIETY PERCENTAGE

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATE

October 2020

AGING

16 months in French oak barrels

TA

5.80 g/l

PH

3.66

ALC

14.1%