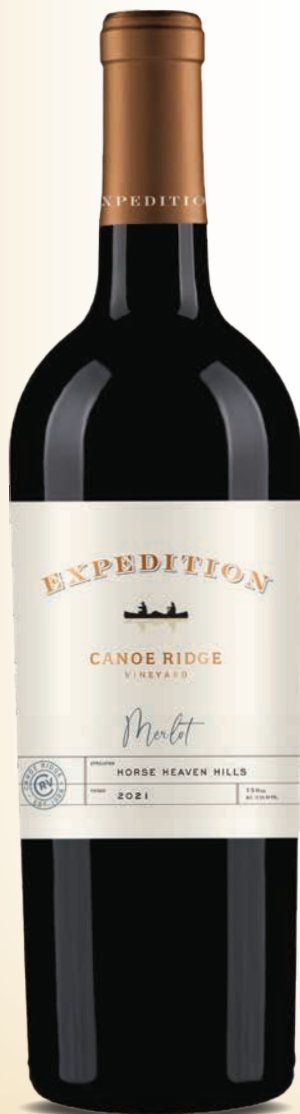


# EXPEDITION



## CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

VARIETAL	<i>Merlot</i>	VARIETY PERCENTAGE	98% MERLOT, 2% CABERNET SAUVIGNON				
VINTAGE	2021	HARVEST DATE	OCTOBER 2021	TA	6.20 G/L	PH	3.66
AVA / GRAPE SOURCE	HORSE HEAVEN HILLS	AGED	12 MONTHS	ALCOHOL	13.51%	OAK / STAINLESS DETAILS	FRENCH OAK BARRELS



### TASTING NOTES

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

### VINTAGE BACKGROUND

The 2021 growing season in Washington brought some of the warmest summer temperatures on record, and ultimately, a promising vintage with exceptional quality and flavors. Soaring vineyard temperatures were part of a 10-day heat streak in early summer. Fortunately, our vineyard teams beat the heat and evaded damage. A modest yield of smaller, beautifully ripe fruit was the theme across our Washington estates. The reds from this 2021 vintage are bold with big tannins and concentrated flavors, with some of the darkest fruit seen in years; expect beautiful reds with cellar-worthy structure.

### 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*

