

# Chateau Ste Michelle

## CANOE RIDGE ESTATE 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

### TASTING NOTES

“Canoe Ridge Estate Cabernet is one of my favorite vineyards and wines to make. The expression of the vineyard site is so pure – powdery Horse Heaven Hills tannins, enveloped by varietal Cab flavors of dark cherries and fresh cooking herbs and then intensified by the richness and density of grapes grown in a vineyard that was planted more than 20 years ago in 1991. The 2014 vintage also put a stamp on the wine, with the early and extended heat creating a soft, plush tannin profile. Please enjoy!”

Ray McKee, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

- 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades.
- The ripening period in September cooled to more typical weather for the region. In October temperatures rose again to one of the warmest October months on record.
- Overall 2014 was an ideal growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

### VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1991, the vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate lies on a steep, wind-swept south-facing slope on the bank of the Columbia River in Washington’s Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- The site’s proximity to the river protects it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.
- Soils are sandy with bits of cobblestone and have low water-holding capacity, enabling precise control of vine growth through drip irrigation and canopy management.
- The vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

### WINEMAKING

- Grapes were sorted with a state-of-the art receiving and separation system that gently removes green material from the grapes, allowing for more pure fruit expression.
- Daily gentle pumpovers during fermentation extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 22 months in 51% New French Oak, 36% once-filled French oak, and 13% Neutral oak.



### TECHNICAL DATA

<i>Alcohol</i>	14.7%
<i>Total Acidity</i>	0.52 g/100 ml
<i>pH</i>	3.85
<i>Blend</i>	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot
<i>Cases Produced</i>	6,500

### FOOD PAIRINGS

<i>Foods</i>	Venison, pork, beef
<i>Herbs</i>	Thyme, bay leaf, fennel

