

Chateau Ste Michelle

CANOE RIDGE ESTATE

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2015 CHARDONNAY

TASTING NOTES

“The Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay is refined and elegant and offers apple and citrus aromas with a clean, refreshing finish. We age the wine in lighter French oak barrels to maintain the fresh, elegant style of this Chardonnay.”



Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

VINTAGE

- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington state.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw optimal ripening across varieties and yielded outstanding wines throughout the region.

VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1991, the vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate is located in Washington’s Horse Heaven Hills AVA on a steep South facing slope to the Columbia River.
- The site’s proximity to the river and strong wind patterns protect it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.
- Canoe Ridge Estate vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

WINEMAKING

- 86% of the wine was aged in French oak barrels, and 14% in stainless steel.
- 100% aged *sur lie* for nine months to integrate the fruit and oak flavors and provide a rich mouthfeel.
- Underwent malolactic fermentation for added softness, balance and depth.



TECHNICAL DATA

<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5%
<i>Total Acidity</i>	0.55g/100 ml
<i>pH</i>	3.35
<i>Blend</i>	100% Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay

FOOD PAIRINGS

<i>Foods</i>	Salmon, crab cakes, pork
<i>Herbs</i>	Ginger, lemon zest, tarragon, thyme

