



2015 CANOE RIDGE ESTATE RED BLEND

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

LIMITED RELEASE



VINTAGE

- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding 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

- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Each individual fermentation tank is tasted daily to evaluate the development of the tannins and structure and find the right moment to drain the wine from the skins.
- Aged for 18 months in 57% Neutral French oak, 41% New French oak and 2% New American oak.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

"WHEN WE GET TO 'RELEASE THE VARIETAL HANDCUFFS' AND BLEND WHATEVER WE WANT TOGETHER – IT IS JUST DARN FUN. THESE 100% CANOE RIDGE ESTATE RED WINES DEMONSTRATE NUANCE, COMPLEXITY AND SHEER HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA STYLE. HAVING ALL THE GREAT WINES AT MY DISPOSAL FOR BLENDING, I CAME UP WITH AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION OF 52% MERLOT, 30% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 14% MALBEC AND 4% SYRAH – A TRUE RED BLEND, ENJOY THE FUN!"

BOB BERTHEAU
WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.54 G/100 ML
pH	3.88
BLEND	52% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec and 4% Syrah.
% ALCOHOL	14.4%
CASES PRODUCED	1,078