



2016 CANOE RIDGE RED BLEND

Horse Heaven Hills

Limited Release



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CANOE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD

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TOTAL CASES

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TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.56 g/100 ml
pH	3.70
Blend	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Malbec, 7% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc
% Alcohol	14.5%
Cases Produced	783

VINTAGE

- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer, but also a cool fall season.
- Cooler temperatures in August and September slowed down ripening, resulting in longer hang time for the grapes and the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15).
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with ripeness and elegance.

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 45% New French oak and 5% New American oak.

TASTING NOTES

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