

# CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD

# THE EXPLORER

## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*AS LEGEND HAS IT, explorers Lewis and Clark noticed a ridge resembling an overturned canoe on their Columbia River journey, inspiring our Canoe Ridge Vineyard name. Established in 1989, Canoe Ridge Vineyard is one of Washington State's leading wineries, offering true varietal character made for everyday enjoyment. From our estate vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills to the surrounding Columbia Valley, winemaker Haydn Moat selects from the very best grapes to create each varietal offering.*



### ABOUT THE EXPLORER

For the wine enthusiast with a true Northwest taste for adventure, The Explorer by Canoe Ridge Vineyard reflects the natural beauty and terroir of our Horse Heaven Hills vineyard overlooking the Columbia River.

### TASTING NOTE

Blackberry aromas lead to seductively deep raspberry, currant and vanilla flavors, finishing with smooth and well-balanced tannins.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Drier weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. White varietals will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varietals will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varietals, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

### APPELLATION

*Horse Heaven Hills*

### VINEYARDS

*100% Canoe Ridge Vineyard*

### VARIETY PERCENTAGE

*93% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7% Malbec*

### HARVEST DATE

*October 2018*

### OAK

*100% French Oak*

### TA

*5.46 g/l*

### PH

*3.66*

### ALC

*14.5%*