



2005 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Block 1 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

2005

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot

BARREL AGING

20 Months
100% French Oak
45% New Oak

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Wine Acidity	6.2 g/L
Wine pH	3.7
Alcohol	14.5%

ABOUT THE WINE

The 2005 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon “Block 1” is marked by power, grace and elegance. On the nose, pungent black fruit and cassis center toasted oak and black pepper nuances. Rich, concentrated flavors unfold in layers of cherry, blackberry and toffee. A juicy mouthfeel is supported by chewy tannins that lend complexity and structure across the midpalate, joining the bright berry flavors through the long, lingering finish. Although enjoyable now, the wine has a well-knit structure that lends itself to good ageability and will empower the complexity and aromas with time.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine come solely from Block 1 in our estate vineyard. Planted in 1989, these vines are almost 20 years old and consistently produce complex and concentrated berries. Their roots have penetrated the shallow sandy-loam soil that sits over volcanic basalt, reaching reserves and extracting essential elements and minerals for distinct terroir character. The soils and the vineyard’s northern location over the broadest part of the Columbia River, combine to form ideal conditions that produce intense flavors and aromatics in the Cabernet Sauvignon.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2005 vintage in the Columbia River region was outstanding, producing a low crop of highly concentrated, beautifully balanced Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Following a mild, dry winter, budbreak and bloom-set occurred early. Spring rains naturally thinned the crop for smaller cluster size. Summer developed beautifully with temperatures ranging from 80 to 85° F, which allowed the grapes to grow at a consistent rate. After a short hot spell in August, temperatures cooled into September, giving the grapes extended hangtime to develop even ripeness and excellent balance. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked at their peak, with bright fresh cherry flavors and well-structured tannins.

TASTE PROFILE

FLAVOR INTENSITY

LIGHT	MED	HIGH
SWEETNESS		
DRY	MED	SWEET
ACIDITY		
FLAT	MED	CRISP
TANNIN		
NONE	MED	DRY
OAK		
NONE	TOASTY/VANILLA	OAKY
BODY		
LEAN	MED	FULL