



VINTAGE
2004

APPELLATION
100% Columbia Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
100% Merlot

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Wine Acidity	5.5 g/L
Wine pH	3.77
Alcohol	14.4%
Case Production	500



2004 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Merlot Reserve

ABOUT THE WINE

We fermented the fruit for the 2004 Reserve Merlot in many small lots, treating each one as a unique expression of the vineyard. The individual components were then carefully pieced together for the final blend. After minimal fining and filtration, we aged the wine for 16 months in a combination of French and European oak barrels. This Reserve Merlot offers intense aromas of black cherry, strawberry, licorice, toffee and a hint of coffee. On the palate, these same notes come through in lush flavors, along with quintessential Merlot characters like supple tannins and an intense, velvety mouthfeel. Enjoy this elegant wine with flavorful dishes such as grilled beef tenderloin, pasta with ragu sauce and spicy lamb stew over polenta.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Our estate vineyard – located on the broadest part of the Columbia River – enjoys a wonderful climate, with warm days and cool nights yielding high quality grapes. The slope of shallow, low nutrients sandy loam soils over volcanic rock yields grape clusters and berries that are small and very concentrated in flavor and color. The result is our most concentrated and complex Merlot, amplifying the unique personality of Canoe Ridge Vineyard. Our Reserve Merlot is a blend comprised primarily of grapes grown in Block 13, one of the three oldest Merlot blocks. In 2004, as is often the case, this block yielded excellent results with respect to concentration, quality of tannins, flavor and balance

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Thanks to the location of our vineyard, our Merlot grapes received no damage from frost during a challenging spring. We were fortunate to have nice weather later in the summer and fall and achieved good maturity at the end of the ripening season.

TASTE PROFILE

FLAVOR INTENSITY

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