# HISTORY

# 2021 CANOE RIDGE VINEYARD MERLOT

SRP: \$65 | 30 CASES PRODUCED

BLACK RASPBERRY VANILLA BEAN SILKY

## **APPELLATION**

Columbia Valley

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Planted on a steep desert ridge overlooking the Columbia River, this site sees weather extremes from cold, snowy winters to hot, windy summers. As a result, the vines produce a small canopy, exposing the grapes to direct sunlight throughout the growing season.

# VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

### ÉLEVAGE

This wine spent 19 months in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels.

HARVEST ALCOHOL

September 2021 14.1%

BOTTLING pH April 2023 3.4



### TASTING NOTES FROM THE WINEMAKER

Ripe red and black fruit aromas of cranberry and black raspberry are complemented by subtle, complex notes of wood chips, pine needles, and wet clay. The palate is balanced and bright with impressive length, as silky tannins meet flavors of vanilla bean and tobacco for a rich, complex finish.

## **VINTAGE OVERVIEW**

The 2021 growing season was warmer than average, with a dry heat throughout the summer. In the Columbia Valley, this resulted in the fruit being ripe earlier in the season, giving us grapes full of vibrant and focused flavors.













