

# Chateau Ste Michelle®

## CANOE RIDGE ESTATE 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

### TASTING NOTES

“Planted by vineyard manager Mimi Nye in 1991, our vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate has grown before our eyes to produce more concentrated and opulent wines. This wine shows amazing intensity to go with ripe black cherry fruit. The Canoe Ridge Estate Cab is a beautifully balanced wine that is a classic expression of Washington fruit.”

*Bob Bertheau*

Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

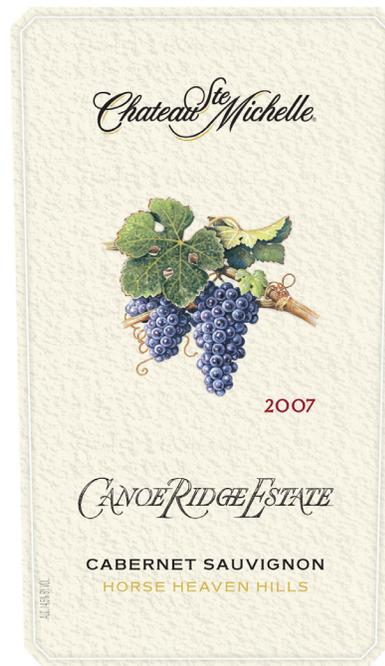
- The 2007 growing season was similar to the 2005 vintage – warm at the beginning and average temperatures throughout the rest of the season with excellent ripening conditions.
- In May, two weeks before bloom, we saw a week of 100 degree temperatures. This heat spike led to smaller canopy which allowed more light penetration and contributed to overall good flavor development in the fruit. The hot temperatures also resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors.
- Weather conditions during the summer and throughout harvest were ideal with mild to average temperatures.

### VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1991, the vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate lies on a steep south-facing slope on the bank of the Columbia River in Washington's Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- The site's proximity to the river protects it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.
- Soils are sandy with bits of cobblestone and have low water-holding capacity, enabling precise control of vine growth through drip irrigation and canopy management.
- The site typically enjoys an early bud break and a long growing season.

### WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins. The pumpovers can vary by block, tank and day of fermentation. Every ferment is tasted every day to evaluate the evolution of the tannins, modify extraction techniques and find the right moment to drain the wine off of its skins.
- We are very careful not to push the Canoe Ridge Cab too far in its extraction profile, as we want to conserve the delicacy and complexity that Canoe Ridge can deliver.
- Aged for 22 months in French and American oak, but we choose more delicate, spicy barrels such as Boutes, Ermitage and Seguin Moreau.



### TECHNICAL DATA

Total acidity	0.55g/100ml
pH	3.83
Alcohol	14.5%
Blend	97% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot 1% Malbec
Cases produced	3,000

### FOOD PAIRING

Foods	venison, pork, beef
Herbs	thyme, bay leaf,

