

Waters

2014 MERLOT WASHINGTON STATE

• 93 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST

VINEYARDS •

- **Stone Tree Vineyard** is 250 acres of wine grapes on the Wahluke Slope at an altitude of between 930 and 1250 above sea level on the south slope of Saddle Mountain. This site also has one of the longest growing seasons in Washington.
- **Canoe Ridge Vineyard** is located on the ridge-line high above the Columbia River Gorge at the south end of the Columbia Valley AVA. The sandy loam soils on Canoe Ridge range in depth from 18 inches to five feet, which allow vine roots to drill deep for nutrients while providing excellent drainage.
- **Cold Creek Vineyard** The site was originally planted in 1973 on a south-facing slope with 30-year-old stressed vines planted in light, silty, well-draining soils. With roughly five inches of annual rainfall, the results are fruit with solid complexity.

WINEMAKER NOTES •

"In my eyes Merlot is still a noble grape and one that Washington excels at. We wanted to showcase this off mangled varietal. 2014 was a warm vintage that showcased Merlot at its best. Both Stone Tree and Canoe Ridge stood out in the cellar and felt that this was the perfect year to make this wine for you to enjoy."
- Jamie Brown, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES •

The aromas are locked up at present with notes of dark fruit, crushed flowers and spice that lead to ripe, plush fruit flavors backed by a firm spine of tannins that need time to unwind. It's the most unabashedly forward wine this winery has made to date. Give it plenty of time to open up, it delivers.

TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Washington State

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

83% Stone Tree and Canoe Ridge Merlot, 17% Cold Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

PH: 3.88

TOTAL ACID: 0.52

BOTTLING DATE: February 2016

CASES BOTTLED: 140 cases

PRICE • \$40

CLUB PRICES • 10% \$36 | 20% \$32 | 30% \$28

