

Waters

## 2016 CAPPELLA WASHINGTON STATE

• **90 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST**

### VINEYARDS •

- **Canoe Ridge Vineyard** is located on the ridge-line high above the Columbia River Gorge at the south end of the Columbia Valley appellation. This distinctive microclimate is ideally suited for growing Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The sandy loam soils on Canoe Ridge range in depth from 18 inches to 5 feet, which allow vine roots to drill deep for nutrients while providing excellent drainage.
- **Stone Tree Vineyard** is 250 acres of wine grapes on the Wahluke Slope where most principle Bordeaux and Rhone red varieties are grown. At an altitude between 930 and 1250 above sea level on the south slope of Saddle Mountain. This site has one of the longest growing seasons in Washington. Gusts of strong wind from this site are fantastic, resulting in fruit that has great color and tannins.

### WINEMAKER NOTES •

*"The Merlot is sourced from Canoe Ridge which is one of St. Michelle's top vineyards located majestically above the Columbia River. This block is unique in that it was planted in 1991, farmed to Jamie's specifications, and hand-picked for optimum quality. The Cab Franc is from Stone Tree 100 miles east, also above the Columbia River. Both of these warm sites contributed to a richer bolder style with significant structure, evident fine tannins, and exclusive finesse."*

- Jamie Brown, Winemaker

### TASTING NOTES •

*"The aromas suggest notes of fresh raspberry, dried and fresh herb and olive. The palate brings a mouthful of lithe fruit flavors along with a pleasing tannic grip. Blue fruit notes linger on the finish. Put it on the dinner table to see it at its best."*

- Sean P. Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast

### TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Washington State

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

60% Stone Tree Cabernet Franc, 40% Canoe Ridge Merlot

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.68

TOTAL ACID: 0.44

BOTTLING DATE: February 2018

CASES BOTTLED: 125 cases

CELLARING: Drink now through 2028

**RETAIL PRICE • \$34**

