

# Waters

## 2013 Cappella Columbia Valley AVA | 200 Cases Produced



### Vineyards

Stone Tree and Canoe Ridge Vineyards.

Stone Tree Vineyard is 250 acres of wine grapes on the Wahluke Slope where most of the principle Bordeaux and Rhone red varieties are grown, as well as Zinfandel, Tempranillo, and Barbera. At an altitude of between 930 and 1250 above sea level on the south slope of Saddle Mountain, the vineyard has a commanding view of the Wahluke Slope AVA. This site has one of the longest growing seasons in Washington. Canoe Ridge is located on the ridgeline 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. Being situated on a wide expanse of the Columbia River, temperatures are more moderate here in the summer and winter than other parts of the Columbia Valley appellation. 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.

### Winemaking

Inspired by Jamie's love for Cheval Blanc—a very fine property in St.Emillion, Bordeaux—Cappella is a blend of 60% Cabernet Franc from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope Rocks, and 40% Merlot from Canoe Ridge Vineyard located high above the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Aged in neutral French oak, Cabernet Franc dominates, offering aromatics such as blackberry brambles, briny capers, and more hints of dark, juicy berries. The Merlot offers a counterbalance of softer, riper notes. More masculine in character than the 2012, expect additional herbal qualities such as bay leaf and white pepper. A slate-like mineral quality underlies its more obvious fruit characteristics.

### Tasting Notes

60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot. At first sip, you experience tart cherries, black currants, and a hint of fresh tobacco. Undercurrents of green olives, eucalyptus and blackberry leaves provide another layer of intrigue. Moderate tannins and a medium body make this a glass that is easy to enjoy now and even more so with 5 plus years of age. Try this next to a juicy, home-grilled bison burger. (Hold the ketchup however.) We promise: it will be the best burger you've ever had!

### Awards/Accolades

92 Points~ Wine Enthusiast