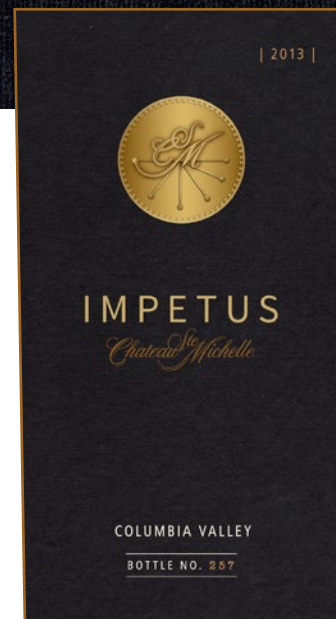




Chateau Ste. Michelle

# IMPETUS

2013 RED WINE



## TASTING NOTES

"Building on our legacy as Washington state's founding winery, we are excited to introduce IMPETUS, a visionary wine showcasing three varieties that are stellar in our growing region, but not traditionally blended together. This unique combination provides a beautiful marriage of structure, fruit and complexity that represents the pinnacle of Washington state grape growing and winemaking."

*Bob Bertheau*

Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

## VINTAGE

- The 2013 growing season was warm and consistent throughout, perfect for the vines to ripen.
- Harvest started early in mid-August and extended into early November as fall brought cooler temperatures.
- The long, warm 2013 growing season resulted in beautifully ripe and balanced wines.

## VINEYARDS

- Sourced from top vineyards in Washington's Horse Heaven Hills, Red Mountain, Columbia Valley, Wahluke Slope, Walla Walla Valley and Rattlesnake Hills AVAs.
- Cabernet Sauvignon from our 45-year old Cold Creek vineyard contributed weight and subtle sweetness.
- Malbec from our vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate in the Horse Heaven Hills provided elegance, ripeness and soft tannins.
- Syrah adds layers of complexity with jammy fruit and spice notes.

## WINEMAKING

- Fermented in small lots for maximum flexibility during blending.
- Daily gentle pumpovers during fermentation help extract optimal flavor and color.
- Each fermentation lot is tasted twice daily to evaluate the evolution of the tannins, modify extraction techniques and find the right moment to drain the wine off of its skins.
- Aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	14.8%
Total Acidity	0.60g/100 ml
pH	3.82
Blend	53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Syrah, 23% Malbec
Cases Produced	147, numbered bottles