

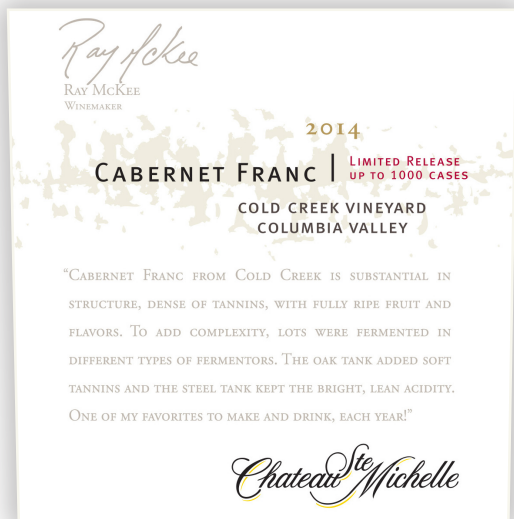


2014 CABERNET FRANC

COLD CREEK VINEYARD

COLUMBIA VALLEY

LIMITED RELEASE



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

"COLD CREEK CABERNET FRANC IS MADE EACH YEAR FROM THE SAME SMALL PLOT OF GRAPES — PLANTED IN 1972 — AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO GET TO MAKE WINE FROM SUCH A UNIQUE BLOCK. THE VINEYARD IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST IN WASHINGTON, AND HELPS THE CAB FRANC REACH FULL RIPENESS YEAR AFTER YEAR. VINTAGE 2014 WAS VERY HOT, AND THE RIPENING SEASON WAS QUITE LONG. THIS WINE IS FULL, PLUSH, WITH MODERATE ACIDITY AND BEAUTIFUL PRIMARY FRUIT SHINING THROUGH. I WOULD USE A WORD LIKE LUXURIOUS TO DESCRIBE THE FLAVORS! THIS WILL BE VERY GOOD TO ENJOY NOW, AND WILL BE EVEN BETTER IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS OF PROPER AGING. PLEASE ENJOY!"

RAY MCKEE
WINEMAKER

VINTAGE

- 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades.
- The ripening period in September cooled to more typical weather for the region. In October temperatures rose again to one of the warmest October months on record.
- Overall 2014 was an ideal growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1973, the south-facing Cold Creek Vineyard is a warm, dry site with high heat accumulation. The low yielding old vines produce small clusters and small berries, resulting in intense varietal flavors and deep color.
- The site's weak, loamy sand and gravel soils with low-water holding capacity produce moderate crops and concentrated grapes.
- Cold Creek vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and sorting system designed to gently remove any green material from the grapes, allowing for pure varietal expression and soft mouthfeel.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Frequent airative racking takes place during barrel aging to soften tannins and enhance mouthfeel.
- Aged 22 months in 36% new French Oak barrels.

TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.53 g/100 mL
pH	3.83
% ALCOHOL	15.0%
BLEND	97% CABERNET FRANC, 3% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
CASES PRODUCED	1,000