

*Chateau Ste Michelle*

**2015 BOREAL RED BLEND**

COLUMBIA VALLEY

LIMITED RELEASE



**TASTING NOTES**

“THIS WINE HIGHLIGHTS THE BROAD RANGE OF WINE THAT CAN BE MADE WITH SYRAH. THESE SYRAH (90%) GRAPES WERE CO-FERMENTED WITH VIOGNIER (10%) IN THE STYLE OF CÔTE-RÔTIE IN NORTHERN RHÔNE REGION OF FRANCE. THE VIOGNIER BRINGS A DELICATE CHARACTER TO THE SYRAH AND TOGETHER THEY CREATE A WINE WITH NOTES OF ORANGE BLOSSOM, RASPBERRY BRAMBLES AND RED CURRANTS.”

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WINEMAKER

**VINTAGE**

- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region.

**VINEYARDS**

- Sourced from our Estate vineyards of Cold Creek and Canoe Ridge in the Columbia Valley in Eastern Washington.
- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.

**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.
- For select lots, a classic Northern Rhône technique referred to as ‘co-fermentation’ was employed, whereby small amount of whole cluster Viognier grapes were added to the Syrah grapes and fermented together.
- Aged in 100% neutral oak barrels for 18 months.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

TA	0.56 G/100 ML
pH	4.08%
ALCOHOL	15.2%
BLEND	90% SYRAH, 10% VIOGNIER
CASES PRODUCED	1,078