



## INDIAN WELLS

2015 MERLOT

### TASTING NOTES

*"The Indian Wells Merlot offers ripe berry fruit aromas and jammy flavors typical of Wahluke Slope reds. This is a full bodied style of warm climate Merlot with a round, supple finish. We added Wahluke Slope Syrah to enhance the mouthfeel and rich fruit character. I call this my pasta wine!"*

*Bob Bertheau*

Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

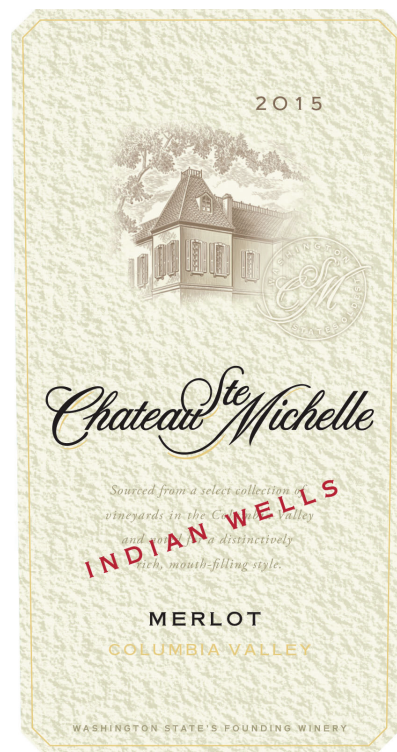
- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington state.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw optimal ripening across varieties and yielded outstanding wines throughout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

### VINEYARDS

- This Merlot is sourced predominately from vineyards throughout the Wahluke Slope in Eastern Washington, including our Indian Wells Vineyard.
- Our most northern growing area, the Wahluke Slope is bordered on both the west and the south by the Columbia River.
- The region is a consistent producer of high quality, ripe fruit, yielding wine with intense color and flavor.

### WINEMAKING

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted using cutting edge technology to gently handle fruit and remove any green material, allowing for more pure, concentrated fruit expression.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged in 51% new American and French oak barrels.



#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	14.5%
TA	0.52 g/100 ml
pH	3.95
Blend	83% Merlot, 17% Syrah

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods	hearty pastas, arroz con pollo, flank steak salad
Herbs	Basil, oregano

