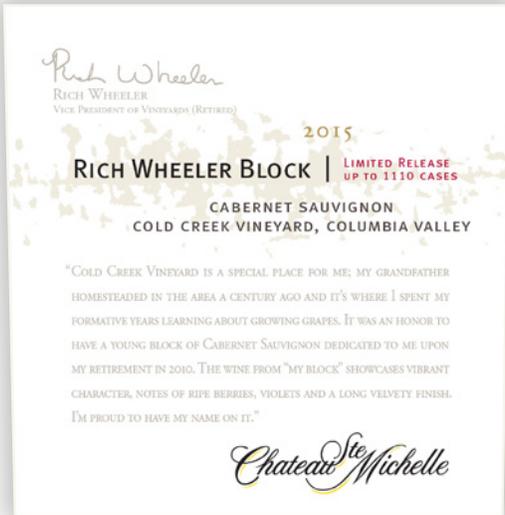




2015 “RICH WHEELER BLOCK” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLD CREEK VINEYARD, COLUMBIA VALLEY
LIMITED RELEASE



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

- 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.
- Cold Creek typically is one of the earliest vineyards in the region to ripen.
- Cold Creek vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

WINEMAKER’S NOTES

“COLD CREEK VINEYARD IS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR ME; MY GRANDFATHER HOMESTEADED IN THE AREA A CENTURY AGO AND IT’S WHERE I SPENT MY FORMATIVE YEARS LEARNING ABOUT GROWING GRAPES. IT WAS AN HONOR TO HAVE A YOUNG BLOCK OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON DEDICATED TO ME UPON MY RETIREMENT IN 2010. THE WINE FROM “MY BLOCK” SHOWCASES VIBRANT CHARACTER NOTES OF RIPE BERRIES, VIOLETS AND A LONG VELVETY FINISH. I’M PROUD TO HAVE MY NAME ON IT.”

RICH WHEELER,
VICE PRESIDENT OF VINEYARDS (RETIRED)

WINEMAKING

- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Each individual fermentation tank is tasted daily to evaluate the development of the tannins and structure and find the right moment to drain the wine from the skins.
- Aged for 22 months in 65% New French oak, 26% Neutral French oak and 9% New American oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

TA	0.56 G/100 ML
pH	3.88
BLEND	96% BLOCK 45 “RICH WHEELER” CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% OTHER COLD CREEK VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ALCOHOL	14.8%
CASES PRODUCED	1110