

Chateau Ste Michelle

COLD CREEK VINEYARD 2016 RIESLING COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

“Our Cold Creek Riesling is made from 45-year-old vines which contribute fruit intensity and concentration. This is a ripe, lush style of Riesling with aromas of ripe peaches, dried apricots and spice notes. It displays beautiful ripe fruit flavors with a crisp finish.”



Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

VINTAGE

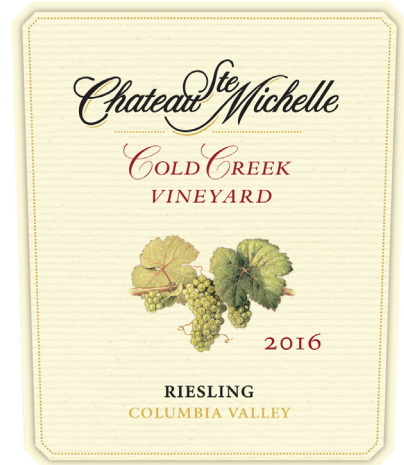
- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer, but also a cool fall season.
- Cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in longer hang time for the grapes and the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15).
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with ripeness and elegance.

VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1973, Cold Creek Vineyard is one of Washington’s oldest and most acclaimed vineyards.
- Cold Creek Vineyard enjoys one of the longest and warmest growing seasons in the Columbia Valley.
- Cold Creek Vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

WINEMAKING

- Riesling grapes were picked over a four week period resulting in varying sweetness levels, giving the winemaker more blending options to work with.
- A cool fermentation was used to preserve Riesling’s fresh and fruity varietal character.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	12.0%
TA	0.69 g/100 ml
pH	3.04
Blend	100% Cold Creek Vyd Riesling
Residual sugar	1.52 g/100 ml

FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods	crab, fresh fruit, poultry, mild cheeses, Asian dishes
Herbs	dill, parsley, chervil
Spices	allspice, black pepper, cloves, nutmeg

