



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

"The Indian Wells Cabernet is our warm climate ripe, jammy 'New World' style of Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine offers dark fruit aromas and flavors. Syrah added an enhanced richness and concentration to the wine."

Bob Bertheau

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VINTAGE

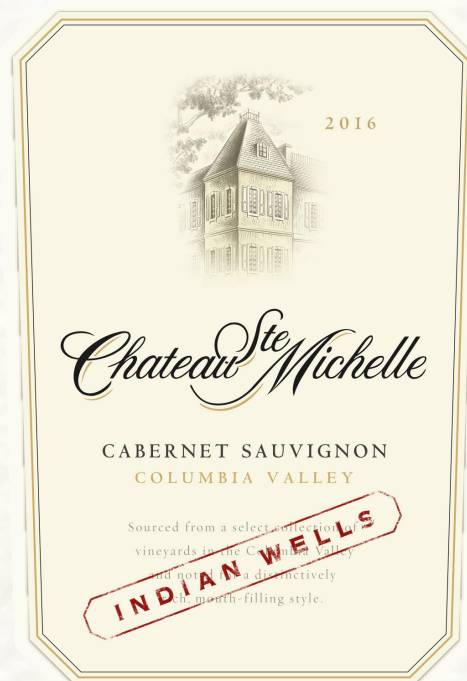
- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer, but also a cool fall season.
- Cooler temperatures in August and September slowed down ripening and resulted in longer hang time for the grapes, and the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November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

VINEYARDS

- Nearly half of the fruit came from vineyards in Washington's Horse Heaven Hills AVA (46%).
- 23% of the fruit was sourced from our Cold Creek Vineyard, one of Washington's oldest and warmest sites.
- 18% of the fruit was sourced from the Wahluke Slope, a region known for rich, ripe reds.
- The balance of the fruit came from vineyards in Red Mountain, Snipes Mountain and Yakima Valley.

WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and separation system designed to gently deliver fruit to the fermenters, allowing for pure varietal expression and soft mouthfeel.
- 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 22 months in 39% new American and French Oak.



TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.78
BLEND	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah

FOOD PAIRINGS

FOODS	stuffed peppers, blue cheese, duck, beef, veal, lamb, dark chocolate
HERBS	mustard, paprika, rosemary, thyme
SPICES	allspice, cloves, ginger, mace, nutmeg

