

# Chateau Ste Michelle

2016 MIMI CHARDONNAY  
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

## Mimi CHARDONNAY

### TASTING NOTES

"Sourced from vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills including our vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate, our Mimi Chardonnay is made in a lightly oaked, elegant style that is great with food. The wine offers apple and pear fruit character with bright natural acidity. This Chardonnay is refreshing yet complex"

-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

- Sourced from Chardonnay fruit from vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- Our Canoe Ridge Estate vineyard contributed to the blend.
- An ideal site for Chardonnay, the vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate lies on a steep South facing slope to the Columbia River.
- Planted in 1991, the site's proximity to the river and strong wind patterns protect it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.

### WINE MAKING

- 72% aged sur lie for 10 months in French oak to integrate the fruit and oak flavors and provide a soft mouthfeel.
- 28% stainless steel fermented to maintain the elegant, fresh style of this Chardonnay.
- Underwent malolactic fermentation for added softness, balance and depth.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods: Salmon, crab cakes, poultry



ALCOHOL	14.5%
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.61G/100 ML
PH	3.42
BLEND	100% CHARDONNAY

