

# Chateau Ste Michelle

2017 MIMI CHARDONNAY  
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

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### TASTING NOTES

"Discover Mimi, a delicious Chardonnay sourced from the Horse Heaven Hills, including Chateau Ste. Michelle's Canoe Ridge Estate Vineyard. Mimi is crafted in a lightly oaked, fresh style which allows the bright, elegant fruit to shine through."

-Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- The lower temperatures delayed ripening and helped to retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

### VINEYARDS

- Sourced from Chardonnay fruit from vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- Our estate vineyards of Canoe Ridge Estate and Horse Heaven 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

- 89% aged sur lie for ten months in a combination of new French oak, 1 year old French oak, and neutral oak to integrate the fruit and oak flavors and provide a soft mouthfeel.
- 11% 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%
TA	0.52G/100 ML
PH	3.57
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.05 G/100 ML
BLEND	100% CHARDONNAY

