



TA: 0.48 g/100mL

PH: 3.93

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND:

100% Merlot

## HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

### 2018 Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2018 was another stellar growing season and vintage in Washington.
- Warm spring temperatures were followed by mild conditions throughout the growing season allowing for extended hang time and flavor development.
- Warm fall days allowed for full ripeness and color, while cool Washington nights helped maintain crisp natural acidity.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% of the blend came from Canoe Ridge Estate vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.

#### HISTORY NOTES

- Established in 1934, Chateau Ste. Michelle pioneered vinifera grape growing in Washington State.
- The winery owns 3,500 acres in the Columbia Valley of eastern Washington, including Horse Heaven, Canoe Ridge Estate and Cold Creek vineyards.
- Chateau Ste. Michelle's award-winning wines can be found in all 50 states and more than 100 countries worldwide.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Daily gentle pumpovers during fermentation help extract optimal flavor and color.
- Each fermentation lot is tasted daily to evaluate the evolution of the tannins in order to find the right moment to drain the wine off skins.
- Aged for 18 months in 34% new French oak, 7% new American oak and 51% old French oak, 8% old American oak.

#### TASTING NOTES

"This stunning vineyard sits on a south-facing, wind-swept slope high above the Columbia River. The vines are planted in soils of flood deposits that are more than 10,000 years old. This complex and elegant wine has focused flavors and silky elegant tannins." Kari Smasne, Vineyard Manager