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TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.85

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Syrah, 1% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc

# columbia valley 2018 Indian Wells Cabernet Sauvignon

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

Since 1967, the dedicated winemakers at Chateau Ste. Michelle have crafted some of the most spectacular wines in the world - notably through the meticulous approach to Indian Wells.

## 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

- We sourced grapes from various vineyards around Columbia Valley including Horse Heaven Hills, Wahluke Slope, Yakima Valley, and more.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- Sandy soils with low fertility and low water-holding capacity enable precise control of vine growth.

# WINEMAKING NOTES

- Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested for pure fruit character and expression.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 19 months in 25% new American, 14% new French oak barrels and 61% neutral American and French oak.

## TASTING NOTES

Specially Selected and carefully aged, this premier Cabernet Sauvignon showcases a lush texture and concentrated flavors of blackberry and black cherry.