Chateau Michelle



# 2018 Limited Release Viognier

## 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 fruit was sourced from our Yakima Valley vineyards, in a slightly cooler area.
- The region's sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Fermentation was predominantly in stainless steel for 3 weeks to showcase the aromas.
- 7% aged sur lie for 4 months in stainless steel tanks and neutral oak.

## TASTING NOTES

"This vibrant Viognier is mostly fermented in stainless to show off lively floral aromas, juicy tropical tones and hints of stone fruit. It is aged on lees for a velvety palate. The barrel portion of the blend is a co-fermentation of Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne to add the rich spicy complexity on the finish." – Kara Koh

TA: 0.61 g/100mL

PH: 3.38

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.09 g/100mL

BLEND: 94% Viognier, 5% Roussanne, 1% Marsanne

CASE PRODUCTION: 1201