

Chateau Ste Michelle  
ESTD 1957  
LIMITED RELEASE

AUSTRAL  
**RED BLEND**

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **675**  
TOTAL CASES

*Tristan Butterfield*  
TRISTAN BUTTERFIELD WINEMAKER

The 2019 Austral is exceptionally vibrant and refreshing, with lively fruit and complex undertones. The cooler 2019 vintage shines through with a big burst of red fruit. Fresh raspberry coulis and sweet cherry anchor the wine with swirling flavors of game and savory herb. A clean, balanced finish with just the right amount of acidity should prove a versatile food pairing.

TA: 0.56 g/100mL

PH: 3.87

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BLEND: 50% Syrah, 34% Mourvedre, 15% Grenache, 1% Viognier

CASE PRODUCTION:  
675

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

# 2019 Limited Release Austral Red Wine

### VINTAGE NOTES

- Winter temperatures were average preceding the 2019 growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and bud break occurred normally.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- Summertime temperatures were mild followed by cooler fall temperatures which were ideal for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- 52% of the fruit was sourced from our Cold Creek Vineyard, one of the oldest and warmest sites in the Columbia Valley.
- 31% of the fruit was sourced from Yakima Valley; known for sunny days and cool evening temperatures to develop intense aromas and flavors.
- 17% of the fruit was sourced from Horse Heaven Hills; an area known for gentle south facing slopes, sandy soils and a long growing season.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were de-stemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and sorting system designed to gently remove any stems or leaves.
- The juice was aged in 33% puncheon barrels.
- Aged in 24% new French oak, 10% new American oak and 66% neutral French and American oak.

### TASTING NOTES

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