



TA: 0.55

PH: 3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.8

BLEND:

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2019 Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

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

- Planted in 1991, Canoe Ridge Estate is located in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA on a steep south-facing slope high above the Columbia River.
- The proximity to the river and wind patterns protect it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.

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 16 months in 44% new French oak, and 56% neutral French 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