Chateau<sup>Ste</sup>ffichelle



#### TA: 0.53 g/100 mL

PH: 3.85

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND:

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 7% Merlot,2% Malbec, 1% other red varietals

# COLUMBIA VALLEY

# 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

### 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

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- 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

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Gentle pumpovers during fermentation were used to extract color and flavor and produce soft, supple tannins.
- Aged 12 months in 25% New French Oak, 8% New American Oak and 67% Neutral Oak.

## TASTING NOTES

"We craft our Columbia Valley Cabernet to highlight concentrated Washington red fruit in an accessible style. This is an inviting Cab with plenty of complexity and structure with silky tannins. It's also very versatile with food. Enjoy it with beef tenderloin or pasta." – Brian Mackey, Winemaker