



TA: 0.54 g/100mL

PH: 3.84

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

83% Merlot, 15% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Franc

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019 Indian Wells 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

- Merlot was sourced from Eastern Washington vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills and the Wahluke Slope, as well as our Cold Creek Vineyard.
- Vineyards were selected for producing high quality, concentrated fruit, yielding wine with intense color and flavor.

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

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted using cutting edge technology to gently handle fruit and remove any green material.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color, and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 18 months in 36% new American oak, 11% new French oak and 53% old French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The Indian Wells Merlot offers ripe berry fruit aromas and jammy flavors. This is a full-bodied style of warm climate Merlot with a round, supple finish. We added Wahluke Slope Syrah to enhance the mouthfeel and rich fruit character. – Brian Mackey, Winemaker