Chateau Michelle



SANGIOVESE

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS 2019

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO 573

BRIAN-WACKEY WINEMAKER To showcase the scope of Washington's grape growing and the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, while using some of Italy's greatest wines as a model, I blended 92% Sangiovese with 8% Cabernet Sauvignon. Characteristic vibrant red fruit and earthy spice of Sangiovese meld with ripe, juicy raspberry to create a wine that is fresh, nuanced and smooth.

TA: 0.51 g/100mL

PH: 3.89

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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CASE PRODUCTION:

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VINTAGE NOTES

- Winter temperatures were average preceding the 2019 growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and normal bud break.
- A warm spring created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- The summer was mild and followed by cool fall temperatures. This vintage created optimal conditions for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Sourced from Coyote Canyon, Zephyr Ridge and our Canoe Ridge Estate vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- The Horse Heaven Hills AVA is home to one quarter of Washington's planted acres.
- Many vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills are planted on south-facing slopes, providing for extended sun exposure.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed, crushed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 12 months in 20% new French oak, 15% new American oak and 65% neutral oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

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