

Chateau Ste Michelle
ESTD 1957
LIMITED RELEASE

THE NOD
MERLOT

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **568**
TOTAL CASES

Lacey Steffey

LACEY STEFFEY WINEMAKER

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TA: 0.56 g/100 mL

PH: 3.70

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 95% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 2 Cabernet Franc

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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

- 22% of the fruit was sourced from our Cold Creek Vineyard.
- 18% was sourced from our Canoe Ridge Estate vineyard.
- 60% of the fruit came from the Dineen Vineyard in the Rattlesnake Hills AVA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- A cutting-edge sorting system gently removed any green material from the grapes, allowing for pure varietal expression and soft mouthfeel.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged in French oak, 37% new, for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

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