



TA: 0.58 g/100 mL

PH: 3.81

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND:

100% Cold Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

# 2020 Cold Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINTAGE NOTES

- Slightly warmer than average winter temperatures preceding the 2020 growing season resulted in little to no vine damage with normal bud break.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- A mild summer with very few periods of excessive heat and cooler fall temperatures created ideal conditions for developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- Planted in 1973, the south-facing Cold Creek Vineyard is a warm, dry site with high heat accumulation.
- The low yielding old vines produce small clusters and small berries, resulting in intense varietal flavors and deep color.
- Cold Creek vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

### 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

- Each individual fermentation tank is tasted daily to evaluate the development of the tannins and structure.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 18 months in 40% new French oak, 5% new American oak and 55% neutral oak.

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Beef, hearty pastas, veal

### TASTING NOTES

One of Washington's oldest & most acclaimed vineyards. Character builds season after season in the growth rings of the old woody vines. Sun-drenched growing conditions with low rainfall result in small berries with full-bodied flavors. This Cabernet has broad-shouldered structure, concentrated fruit characters and deep color.