Chateau Michelle



GAMAY NOIR

CAROUSEL VINEYARD

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO 473

KATIE NELSON WINEMAKER No way, Gamay? We searched out one of the few Washington Gamay plantings, Carousel Vineyard, to bring you this lively, fruity Gamay. This wine saw carbonic fermentation in a concrete prramid, and was blended with some whole cluster stainless steel fermented Gamay for the ideal blend. It was aged in neutral barrels, to showcase the purity of Washington fruit.

TA: 0.67 g/100 mL

PH: 3.37

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND:

100% Gamay Noir

YAKIMA VALLEY 2020 Limited Release Gamay Noir

VINTAGE NOTES

- Slightly warmer than average winter temperatures proceeding the 2020 growing season resulted in normal bud break.
- A mild spring and summer and cooler fall temperatures created ideal conditions for developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.
- Washington's harvest conditions benefit Chardonnay by retaining its natural acidity, a challenge with growing this variety.

VINEYARD NOTES

 100% of the fruit was sourced from Yakima Valley's Carousel Vineyard in early September to capture intense, fresh fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Part of the wine was fermented in concrete to enhance minerality, while the rest underwent semi-carbonic fermentation in a concrete pyramid.
- The Gamay Noir was aged primarily in neutral barrels and then finished in concrete tanks, to retain freshness and minerality.

TASTING NOTES

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