



TA: 0.54 g/100mL

PH: 3.91

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 89% Syrah, 8% Mourvedre, 2%  
Grenache, 1% Viognier

CASE PRODUCTION:

11000

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

### 2020 The Pundit Syrah Columbia Valley

#### 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

- 36% of the fruit was sourced from vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA, a region known for rich, ripe reds.
- 29% of the fruit was sourced from vineyards in the Columbia Valley and 17% from the Yakima Valley AVA.
- The remaining fruit came from vineyards in Walla Walla, Snipes Mountain, Rattlesnake Hills, Red Mountain and Horse Heaven Hills AVAs.

#### 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 12 months in 28% new French oak, 2% new American oak, 70% neutral oak barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES

Created through a unique collaboration between Washington State's Chateau Ste. Michelle and the Rhone's Michel Gassier – the Pundit expresses the finesse and balance typical of France's Rhone Valley with all the attitude of Washington's great Columbia Valley. We invite you to see Syrah through our eyes.