



TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.92

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: 65% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

CASE PRODUCTION:

2986

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

### 2021 Artist Series Red Wine

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

The 2021 vintage labels showcase artist Moses Sun. Moses Sun is an afro-abstractivist working in assemblage, painting, video animation and public art that explores the intersection of Pan-Africanism and the world's diasporas.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a very warm growing season which resulted in intensely concentrated flavors in the wines.
- Our typical cool nights during harvest helped us retain the wonderful natural acidity Washington is known for.
- The season produced red wines dark in color and dense in concentration and white wines with varietal character and bright vibrancy.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Sourced the highest quality grapes from the following AVAs: Horse Heaven Hills (47%), Columbia Valley (32%) and the Walla Walla Valley (21%).
- This blend is from Canoe Ridge Estate (41%), Cold Creek (17%), Four Feathers (14%), Kelly Vineyard (13%), Anna Marie (9%) and Dead Canyon (6%).
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.

#### 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

- Daily gentle pumpovers during fermentation help extract optimal flavor and color.
- Each fermentation lot is tasted daily to modify extraction techniques and find the right moment to drain the wine off its skins.
- Aged for 24 months in 35% new French oak, 63% neutral French oak and 2% concrete.

#### TASTING NOTES

This unique blend unveils fragrant aromas of graphite, pomegranate, sage, and cedar. It enters your palate with vibrant allure and leaves a silky finish, promising over 15 years of aging potential. Meticulously aged, it's a masterpiece in texture and true artistry of Washington wine. - Katie Nelson, Winemaker