



TA: 0.52 g/100 mL

PH: 3.94

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 100% Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

318

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2021 Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

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

- Planted in 1991, Canoe Ridge Estate is located in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA on a steep south-facing slope high above the Columbia River.
- The proximity to the river and wind patterns protect it from temperature extremes, allowing uniform ripening and excellent color development.

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 evaluate the evolution of the tannins in order to find the right moment to drain the wine off skins.
- Aged for 24 months in 44% new French and 56% neutral French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The vines are planted in soils of flood deposits that are more than 10,000 years old. Heat throughout the growing season is moderated by the strong wind patterns while cool nights provide optimum conditions for flavor development. This complex and elegant wine has focused flavors and silky elegant tannins. Pedro Flores