



## CHENIN BLANC

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS  
2021

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **596**  
TOTAL CASES

**BRIAN MACKEY** WINEMAKER

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TA: 0.74 g/100mL

PH: 3.52

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.31 g/100mL

BLEND: 100% Chenin Blanc

CASE PRODUCTION:

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### 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 State 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

- The Horse Heaven Hills AVA borders the Yakima Valley AVA on the north and the Columbia River on the south.
- The region's sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- 100% of the fruit was sourced from our Horse Heaven vineyard.

### 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

- The juice was fermented for three weeks in stainless steel.
- A cool fermentation with fruit forward yeasts helped to preserve the ripe fruit characteristics of these aromatic grape varieties.
- 40% sur lie aged in neutral oak for three months for added richness.

### TASTING NOTES

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