



COLUMBIA VALLEY

2021 Cold Creek Vineyard 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 1973, the south-facing Cold Creek Vineyard is a warm, dry site with high heat accumulation.
- The low yielding old vines produce small clusters and small berries, resulting in intense varietal flavors and deep color.
- Cold Creek vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

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

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and separation system designed to gently deliver fruit to the fermenters.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 24 months in 20% new French oak and 80% neutral French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Planted in 1970s, Cold Creek is one of Washington's oldest and most acclaimed vineyards. Character builds season after season in the growth rings of the old woody vines. This Merlot has broad-shouldered structure, concentrated fruit characters and deep color. -Joe Cotta, Vineyard Manager

TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.92

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 100% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:
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