Chateau Michelle



# 2021 Indian Wells Red Wine Blend

## VINTAGE NOTES

COLUMBIA VALLEY

- 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 2021 season produced red wines dark in color and dense in concentration and white wines with varietal character and bright vibrancy.

## VINEYARD NOTES

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- Sandy soils with low fertility and low water-holding capacity enable precise control of vine growth.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- The viticulture team utilized cutting edge technology to gently sort and handle grapes, enhancing the pure and concentrated fruit expression.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 24 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

Specifically selected and carefully aged, this premier red blend highlights warm-weather vineyards with a robust palette of boysenberry and biscotti.– Brian Mackey, winemaker

TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.92

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

45% Merlot, 30% Syrah, 25% other red varieties