

Chateau Ste. Michelle
ESTD 1997
LIMITED RELEASE

GAMAY NOIR

CAROUSEL VINEYARD
2021

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **288**
TOTAL CASES

Katie Nelson
KATIE NELSON WINEMAKER

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TA: 0.62

PH: 3.54

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND: 96% Gamay Noir, 4% Syrah

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YAKIMA VALLEY

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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 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

- 100% of the fruit was sourced from Yakima Valley's Carousel Vineyard in early September to capture intense, fresh fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Part of the wine was fermented in concrete to enhance minerality, while the rest underwent semi-carbonic fermentation in a concrete pyramid.
- The Gamay Noir was aged primarily in neutral oak and concrete, then finished in stainless steel tanks, to retain freshness and minerality.
- This Gamay Noir was aged 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

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