



TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 100% Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

4162

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2022 Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2022 season started with an unusually cool and wet spring. Below average temperatures from April to July caused delay in ripening, causing a late harvest.
- All the moisture in the ground helped develop beautiful canopies with a nice size crop.
- Although we had to harvest select grapes earlier than expected, the quality of fruit was outstanding. The wines are very promising, showing nice acidity and great flavors.
- Both our white and red wines are showing well, and we cannot wait to see how they develop as they continue to age.

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 18 months in 23% new French oak and 77% neutral French oak.

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