



TA: 0.52 g/100 mL

PH: 3.60

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

BLEND:

99.8% Chardonnay, 0.2% other

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2022 Chardonnay

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2022 season started with an unusually cool and wet spring. We saw below average temperatures from April until July which caused a delay in ripening.
- Our harvest starting two weeks later compared to the average vintage. All the moisture in the ground helped develop beautiful canopies with a nice size crop.
- The quality of fruit was outstanding and though we had to harvest select grapes earlier than expected, 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

- 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 evenings create ideal conditions for aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- Our northerly latitude provides an extra hour of sunlight and heat during the peak of the growing season creating intense fruit flavors.

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

- Malolactic fermentation follows yeast fermentation for added richness and complexity.
- 50% stainless steel tank fermented Chardonnay was added to the blend to make a fresh style of Chardonnay.
- 50% sur lie aged for 5 months in a mix of neutral oak and 5% new oak for added complexity.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- This wine is a showstopper with chicken or seafood.

TASTING NOTES

Our Columbia Valley Chardonnay is crafted in a fresh, soft style with juicy citrus and apple fruit character with subtle spice and oak nuances. We blend Chardonnay grapes from vineyards throughout Washington's Columbia Valley to create this complex yet approachable, food-friendly style. - Katie Nelson, Head Winemaker