Chateau Michelle



TA: 0.57 g/100 mL

PH: 3.66

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND:

59% Syrah, 40% Grenache, 1% Viognier

#### COLUMBIA VALLEY

# 2022 Concert Series Red Wine Blend

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

Pair with your favorite vinyl record or outdoor concert and toast to Chateau Ste. Michelle's 40th anniversary of the Summer Concert Series.

#### 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 started 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.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- 65% of the fruit was sourced from Horse Heaven Hills AVA which borders the Yakima Valley AVA on the north and the Columbia River on the south.
- The region's sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- The remaining fruit was sourced from The Burn of Columbia Valley and Yakima Valley.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed & sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving & separation system designed to gently deliver fruit to the fermenters.
- Some of the Syrah was cofermented with Viognier to add a floral element and to lock in flavor and color.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and minimize harsh tannins. Aged 18 months in 97% neutral oak and 3% new French oak.

#### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

• Enjoy it with your charcuterie board, a fresh salad, or a burger - you name it!

## TASTING NOTES

We crafted this luscious red blend with a warm summer day, some live music, and a picnic blanket in mind. We chose vineyards that express themselves early and pushed the fermentations toward a lighter, fresher profile. It is lively, fruity and juicy while also having a satisfying smooth and rich palate. - Katie Nelson