Chateau Michelle



GAMAY NOIR

CAROUSEL VINEYARD

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO 527

KATIE NELSON WIEWAKKE Hooray, for another Gamay! We got our hands on one of the few Washington Gamay plantings, Carouse! Vineyard. This wine saw carbonic fermentation in a concrete pyramid, and was blended with some whole cluster stainless steel fermented Gamay lending flavors or red fruit and cinnamon.

TA: 0.64 g/100mL

PH: 3.42

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

BLEND: 97% Gamay, 3% Syrah

CASE PRODUCTION:

527

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VINTAGE NOTES

- The 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

- 97% of the fruit was sourced from Yakima Valley's Carousel Vineyard in early September to capture intense, fresh fruit flavors.
- The remainder of the fruit (3%) was sourced from the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

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

TASTING NOTES

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