



TA: 0.58 g/100 mL

PH: 3.48

ALCOHOL: 9%

BLEND:  
100% Chardonnay

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

### 2023 LIGHT Chardonnay

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

With zero sugar, 80 Calories and 9% ABV our Chateau Ste. Michelle Light wines are a perfect companion for those seeking a lighter wine experience. Average analysis per 5oz - 80 calories, 2.9g carbs, 0.0g protein, 0.0g fat.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2023 growing season was marked by a delayed bud break. Following a cool April, May brought warmer weather, leading to a quick bloom just over a month after bud break.
- Favorable weather conditions persisted throughout the growing season, with warm, dry days and cool nights ideal for grape maturation. Harvest began earlier than usual.
- Lower yields, uniform canopies, and even ripening contributed to exceptional quality.
- Winemakers reported grapes with excellent sugar levels, acidity, nice tannins, and flavor profiles, indicating this vintage is on track to become one of the best in a long time.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Grapes are sourced from the Horse Heaven Hills AVA and cooler areas within the Columbia Valley.
- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- The unique growing season allows grapes to reach full flavor development at lower sugar levels while retaining mouthwatering acidity.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Naturally lower sugars yield less alcohol allowing our winemakers to achieve 9% ABV with minimal alcohol extraction post fermentation.
- Fermented and aged in a combination of stainless steel and neutral American oak.
- 100% Malolactic conversion to balance a plush but lively mouthfeel.

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 Light Chardonnay is a fresh yet soft style with subtle hints of oak that give the wine a sweet finish. With flavors of lemon, apple, ripe apricot and offering a guilt free indulgence without compromising on taste or quality. - Katie Nelson, Winemaker