

Chateau Ste Michelle®

COLD CREEK VINEYARD® 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

“Cabernet from this iconic 45-year-old vineyard consistently delivers power, structure and rich concentrated black fruit. The wine offers black cherry flavors and chocolate notes with typical Cold Creek density and user friendly power. This is 100% Cabernet because Cold Creek Cab shines on its own.”



Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

VINTAGE

- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington state.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw optimal ripening across varieties and yielded outstanding wines throughout the region.

VINEYARDS

- Planted in 1973, the south-facing Cold Creek Vineyard is a warm, dry site with high heat accumulation.
- The low yielding old vines produce small clusters and small berries, resulting in intense varietal flavors and deep color.
- The site's weak, loamy sand and gravel soils with low-water holding capacity produce moderate crops and concentrated grapes.
- Cold Creek vineyard is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and sorting system designed to gently remove any green material from the grapes, allowing for pure varietal expression and soft mouthfeel.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Frequent airative racking takes place during barrel aging to soften tannins and enhance mouthfeel.
- Aged for 22 months in 25% new French oak, 17% new American oak and 58% neutral oak.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	14.5%
TA	0.57 g/100ml
pH	3.80
Blend	100% Cold Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases	9,900

FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods	beef, hearty pastas, veal
Herbs	cracked black pepper, rosemary

