

Chateau Ste Michelle

2020 Artist Series Red Wine COLUMBIA VALLEY



THE ART OF WINE

Chateau Ste. Michelle's Artist Series Red Wine celebrates the inspired collaboration between artisan winemaking and fine art. The 2020 vintage labels showcase artist Junko Yamamoto, whose focus is on oil painting. She also engages in printmaking and produces mixed media installations, focusing most recently on soft sculpture mobile installations. Yamamoto was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, and left to study abroad at 16 years old, moving to the U.S. In 1999, she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, cum laude from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"The 2020 Artist Series Red Wine is elegant and shows balanced flavors of black cherry and blackberry with notes of violets, baking spice and cedar. The flavors persist with added complexity of earth, silt with a slate finish. The fine-grained tannins will ensure this wine develops nicely over the next 10+ years." - Katie Nelson, Winemaker

VINTAGE

- Slightly warmer than average winter temperatures preceding the 2020 growing season resulted in little to no vine damage with normal bud break.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- A mild summer with very few periods of excessive heat and cooler fall temperatures created ideal conditions for developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARDS

- Our winemakers source the highest quality grapes of the vintage for our Artist Series Red Wine.
- 79% of the 2020 blend came from our Cold Creek Vineyard, which brings hints of herbs, earthiness, and structure.
- The balance of the blend (21%) was sourced from the Dineen Vineyard in the Yakima Valley which offers bright notes of cherry and raspberry.

WINEMAKING

- Daily gentle pumpovers during fermentation help extract optimal flavor and color.
- Each fermentation lot is tasted daily to evaluate the evolution of the tannins, modify extraction techniques and find the right moment to drain the wine off its skins.
- Aged for 18 months in 34% new French oak, 3% new American oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

TA		0.59 g/100mL
pH		3.72
Alcohol		14.5%
Blend		46% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

Cases Produced: 2,423 (750mL/6)