

# Chateau Ste Michelle

## INDIAN WELLS

2014 MERLOT

### TASTING NOTES

*“The Indian Wells Merlot offers ripe berry fruit aromas and jammy flavors typical of Wahluke Slope reds. This is a full bodied style of warm climate Merlot with a round, supple finish. We added Wahluke Slope Syrah to enhance the mouthfeel and rich fruit character. I call this my pasta wine!”*

*Bob Bertheau*

Bob Bertheau, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

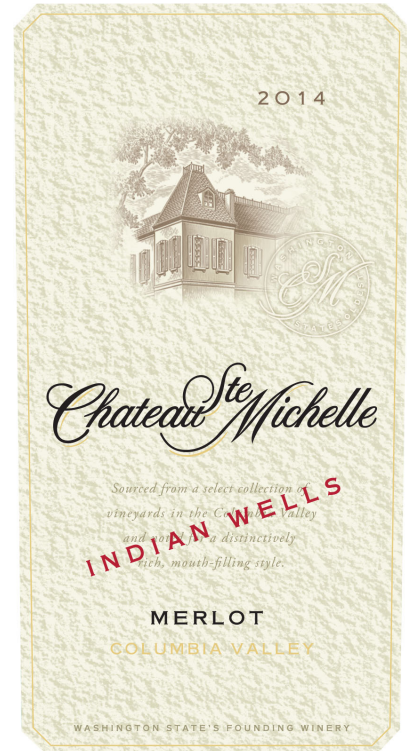
- 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades.
- The ripening period in September cooled to more typical weather for the region. In October, temperatures rose again to one of the warmest October months on record.
- Overall 2014 was an ideal growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

### VINEYARDS

- This Merlot is sourced predominately from vineyards throughout the Wahluke Slope in Eastern Washington, including our Indian Wells Vineyard.
- Our most northern growing area, the Wahluke Slope is bordered on both the west and the south by the Columbia River.
- The region is a consistent producer of high quality, ripe fruit, yielding wine with intense color and flavor.

### WINEMAKING

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted using cutting edge technology to gently handle fruit and remove any green material, allowing for more pure, concentrated fruit expression.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged in 51% new American and French oak barrels.



### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	14.5%
Total acidity	0.54g/100 ml
pH	3.83
Blend	86% Merlot, 14% Syrah

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods	hearty pastas, arroz con pollo, flank steak salad
Herbs	Basil, oregano

