

TA: 0.64 g/100mL

PH: 3.36

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.05 g/100 mL

BLEND:
100% Pinot Gris

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2022 Pinot Gris

VINTAGE NOTES

- The season started with an unusually cool and wet spring. Below average temperatures from April to July caused delay in ripening, causing a late harvest.
- All the moisture in the ground helped develop beautiful canopies with a nice size crop.
- Although we had to harvest select grapes earlier than expected, the quality of fruit was outstanding. 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

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- Our northerly latitude provides an extra hour of sunlight and heat during the peak of the growing season creating intense fruit flavors.

HISTORY NOTES

- Established in 1934, Chateau Ste. Michelle pioneered vinifera grape growing in Washington state.
- The winery owns 3,500 acres in the Columbia Valley of eastern Washington, including Horse Heaven, Canoe Ridge Estate and Cold Creek vineyards.
- Chateau Ste. Michelle's award-winning wines can be found in all 50 states and more than 100 countries worldwide.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Pinot Gris grapes were picked under cool nighttime skies to preserve the variety's bright, juicy style.
- A cool three-week fermentation in stainless steel tanks enhanced the floral and citrus characters.
- After fermentation, the wine was quickly prepared for bottling to preserve the freshness of this delicate varietal.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Scallops, Halibut or spicy noodles.

TASTING NOTES

Our Pinot Gris style falls between the lighter Italian Pinot Grigio and the richer, rounder Pinot Gris from Alsace. Cool harvest nights infuse notes of juicy pear and melon into this Pinot Gris, finishing with hints of spice. -Katie Nelson, winemaker

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