



# 2014 CHATEAU SMITH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*If you like Cabernet dark and rich, this is your sexy beast. Chocolate, dark cherries, tobacco leaf. It continues with earth and stone on an infinite finish.*

## BLEND

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot

## APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

## PRODUCTION

Whole-Berry Fermentation

Yeast: Native

25 Days on Skins

40% New French Oak

Barrel Aged for 10 months on Lees

## WINE ANALYSIS

5.5 g/L Total Acidity

3.81 pH

13.5% Alcohol

## UPC

184745000126

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

### 89 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (2013 Vintage)

"My favorite of the Charles Smith releases, the 2013 Charles Smith Chateau Smith Cabernet Sauvignon is rock solid, with classic violets, plum, licorice, earth and spring flower notes giving way to a medium-bodied juicy, balanced feel on the palate. It's another terrific value that over delivers. I'd drink it over the coming year or two, but I see no reason it won't hold longer."

## VINEYARDS

**Art Den Hoed:** The vineyard stretches for 250 acres over the south slope of the Rattlesnake Mountains in the Yakima AVA at 1300 feet elevation. The excellent air drainage and higher elevation work to preserve the natural acids in the grapes while flavors mature, making this site ideal for Syrah.

**Hawk:** 150 acres in the Wahluke Slope that was planted in 2010. The site has an elevation of 750-850 feet with a gentle slope to the southwest and has alluvial, sandy soils.

**Roza Hills:** At an elevation of 1350 feet above sea level the vineyard is in a natural southern sloping bowl that sits on the southern slope of the Rattlesnake Hills. Temperatures, which are among the most moderate in the state, provide consistent ripening. Soils are characterized by their fine texture.

**Wahluke Slope:** Located on the very eastern edge of the Wahluke Slope AVA. This higher elevation site is made of limestone, volcanic soils.

**Don Talcott:** Planted in 1998 and just five miles southeast of Mattawa, the 60 planted acres of this vineyard are composed of Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Viognier and Sangiovese. This site produces fruit with sublime mineral character and great acidity, a balance that winemaker's adore.

**Clifton Bluff:** Located on the Wahluke Slope's southern slope next to Clifton Hills Vineyard, Clifton Bluff is made up of sandy, alluvial soils.

