

# Chateau Ste Michelle

## HORSE HEAVEN VINEYARD 2015 SAUVIGNON BLANC HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

### TASTING NOTES

*“This Sauvignon Blanc from our Horse Heaven Vineyard is a crisp, racy style of Sauvignon Blanc with citrus characteristics. We use partial stainless steel fermentation to preserve the Sauvignon Blanc’s pure, fresh, vibrant character.”*



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.

### VINEYARD

- Horse Heaven Vineyard is located in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA and adjacent to the Columbia River in Paterson, Washington.
- Planted in the 1970s, this is a moderately warm site, tempered by the Columbia River.
- This vineyard is characterized by gentle south facing slopes, sandy loam soil and a long growing season.

### WINEMAKING

- Yeasts specifically designated for Sauvignon Blanc were used to initiate the three-week fermentation and release varietal aromas.
- 68% stainless steel fermented to preserve Sauvignon Blanc’s fresh, vibrant fruit character.
- 32% barrel fermented for slight spice and texture in older French oak.
- Sur lie aged for four months for enhanced complexity and structure.



### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	13%
Total acidity	0.68 g/100ml
pH	2.88
Blend	100% Horse Heaven Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Foods	mussels, halibut, chicken, goat cheese
Herbs	cilantro, oregano, rosemary, thyme
Spices	cumin, curry, ginger

