



# Chateau Ste Michelle

Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling offers a vibrant expression of Columbia Valley Riesling, with its crisp acidity, fresh fruit flavors, and a perfectly balanced dry finish.

## Dry Riesling 2021

Washington, USA

### Region and Vineyards

The **Columbia Valley**, Washington's premier wine region, provides the perfect conditions for Riesling. Its sunny days and cool evening temperatures allow for slow ripening, leading to a balance between vibrant acidity and concentrated fruit flavors. The unique volcanic soils of the region contribute a distinct minerality to the wines.

Grapes for the **Dry Riesling** are sourced from select vineyards across the valley, chosen for their ability to produce fruit with intense aroma and flavor profiles. The growing season was particularly warm, which enhanced the development of concentrated flavors in the grapes, while the region's signature cool harvest nights preserved the natural acidity and freshness Washington Rieslings are known for.

### Winemaking

This wine is made from **100% Riesling**, with careful attention paid to preserving its fresh and vibrant character. The grapes were harvested during the cool nighttime hours to lock in their delicate aromas and acidity.

Fermentation was conducted in stainless steel tanks under cool temperatures, ensuring the retention of the wine's crisp fruit qualities. The **dry style** of this Riesling is emphasized on the label using the "Riesling Taste Profile" scale, making it clear to consumers that this wine delivers a refreshing, clean palate with minimal residual sugar.

### Tasting Notes

- Color:** Pale straw yellow with bright clarity.
- Aroma:** Aromas of **sweet citrus**, including lime and tangerine, with hints of floral and mineral undertones.
- Palate:** Crisp and refreshing, showcasing flavors of **zesty lemon, green apple**, and subtle peach, balanced by vibrant acidity and a clean, elegant finish.



Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Riesling



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## Did You Know?

Chateau Ste Michelle is one of the pioneers of Riesling in the United States and has been a leader in showcasing the potential of Columbia Valley for this varietal. Their Dry Riesling is known for its versatility, pairing beautifully with a range of dishes or standing alone as a refreshing aperitif.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Fresh oysters:** The wine's zesty acidity enhances the briny sweetness of oysters.
- **Grilled trout with lemon butter:** Its citrus notes and crisp texture balance the richness of the fish.
- **Vegetable stir-fry:** The wine's clean finish complements the fresh flavors of the dish.
- **Goat cheese salad:** The bright acidity cuts through the creaminess of the cheese, creating a perfect harmony.

### Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 88 Points (2018)



*With notes of lemon zest and lime and a dry, angular cut to its acids, this offers plenty of zippy flavor at a bargain price. Best Buy*

### Wine Spectator (WS) : 89 Points (2017)



*Lively and supple, with spirited lemon zest and grapefruit flavors that persist with fresh acidity.*

### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 89 Points (2017)



*The aromas pop, with notes of rubbed lime leaf, citrus, white peach and cut green apple. Sleek, bone-dry, Nestea Lemon Iced Tea flavors follow, with the finish sailing. This is always one of the best wine values on the shelf, and this vintage does not disappoint. Best Buy*



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