

# STE CHAPELLE



## 2011 CHATEAU SERIES SOFT RED

### BACKGROUND

Founded in 1976, Ste Chapelle winery was named after the beautiful La Sainte Chapelle in Paris, which was built by Louis IX as the court chapel during the 13th century. The Snake River Valley's high altitude vineyards, which enjoy long daylight hours, warm summer days and crisp evenings, supply Ste. Chapelle with superior grapes for its award-winning wines.

### WINEMAKING

The Soft Red is a blend of four grape varieties. We pick the grapes at peak ripeness and begin the fermentation in our sloped-bottom red fermenters. We pump the fermentations over twice daily to extract as much color as possible during this short fermentation. We press the wine off the skins early and stop the fermentation as quickly as possible to preserve the fresh fruit character and natural grape sweetness.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Developed strawberry, blackberry and cassis notes marry on the nose and palate. Natural acidity balances the sweetness and leads to hints of licorice on the finish.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Enjoy this wine chilled with grilled salmon with balsamic glaze, barbecued pork chops and soft cheeses with fruit.

### TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETY BLEND	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 4% Syrah
ALCOHOL	11.70%
T.A.	0.63
pH	3.22
R.S.	6.40%
CASES PRODUCED	9,400