

# STE CHAPELLE



## 2013 SRV SPECIAL HARVEST RIESLING

### BACKGROUND

Founded in 1975, 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.

### VINTAGE NOTE

Snake River Valley grape growers describe a modest yield but one of high-quality in 2013. A combination of an unusually chilly winter, a late spring frost event, and a spell of short-but-significant rains in September shuffled the usual order in which varieties ripened and readied for harvest. While the Idaho Wine Commission reports that yields were slightly lighter than 2012, the flavors were more concentrated in the fruit, giving winemakers a delicious foundation for the vintage. The Snake River Valley's hot June and July months and a pleasant, overall sunny autumn set the tone for the rest of harvest. Winemakers in the region reported outstanding quality in the 2013 Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Cabernet Sauvignon, with equally delicious but slightly limited Riesling.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

A fragrant nose leads to delicious notes of peaches, apricots, and honeydew melon complemented by sweetness. The wine is well balanced with crisp acidity and a long fruit-filled finish.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Our 2013 Special Harvest Riesling pairs well with fresh fruit, angel food cake, shortbread cookies, or alone as a dessert wine.

### TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETY BLEND 100% Riesling

VINEYARD Skyline, Williamson, Symms, Bitner,  
Ocker, Bankhead, Truesdell

ALCOHOL 12.50% pH 3.2

T.A. 0.73 R.S. 6.70%

CASES PRODUCED 7,800