



# Ste CHAPELLE

## 2009 SOFT RED

### Chateau Series

#### ***OVERVIEW***

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 13<sup>th</sup> century. The Snake River Valley's high altitude vineyards, which enjoy long daylight hours, warm summer days and crisp evenings, supply Ste. Chapelle and winemaker Chuck Devlin with superior grapes for its award-winning wines. The Soft Series wines have quickly become one of our most popular wines with their luscious fruit tone and balanced crisp acidity making them accessible and enjoyable for all occasions.

#### ***WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS***

Even though we had a late spring, 2009 still provided a long ripening season, allowing the grapes to reach their peak ripeness. The premium red grapes we use for Soft Red were fermented on their skins to extract color and flavor before fermentation to achieve a lower alcohol level with balanced residual sweetness.

#### ***TASTING NOTES***

The 2009 Soft Red shows notes of licorice, strawberry and plum. Although made up of mostly Bordeaux varieties it is hardly a traditional claret blend. It is finished sweet, but with enough acid to keep it in balance.

#### ***FOOD PAIRINGS***

Our 2009 Soft Red is the perfect wine to serve well-chilled on a hot summer afternoon. Fantastic on its own or the perfect accompaniment to dishes like grilled salmon with balsamic glaze, barbecued pork chops with port-chipotle glaze or dessert plate of soft cheeses and fresh fruit.

#### ***TECHNICAL DATA***

Winemaker:	Chuck Devlin
Varietal:	Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah
Appellation:	Snake River Valley
Harvest Date:	October 2009
Bottling Date:	March 2010
Release Date:	April 2010
Total Acidity:	7.50 g/l
pH:	3.45
Alcohol:	10.5% by volume
Residual sugar:	1.02 g/l
Cases Produced:	25,000