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Made In America

How long has it been since you have seen anything with that on the label? Okay, maybe a few of us have been sold on a few wines made in California with the idea that it is the only place in America that makes a decent wine. Well, as a special treat for our Red-X Wine Club members, this month we are going to look towards the future of wine in America: Washington State.

We hope that with these selections, you will find that Washington produces more than rain, and protests. Yes, it does have all of that but it also has beautiful areas such as Mount Rainier, the Columbia River Gorge, and Route 12 from Walla Walla to the Oregon border. In fact, just to the east of the Cascade Mountains, rainy days give way to desert-like conditions where moisture from the Columbia River provides all the necessary growing conditions to make a world-class wine.

Eroica Riesling



The New York Times named Eroica its "favorite" American Riesling. This Riesling was even featured on NBC's Today Show. It's no wonder as this Riesling was created in a collaboration between Chateau Ste. Michelle, a huge Washington winemaker, and Ernst Loosen a famous Riesling producer from Germany. Named for Beethoven's Third Symphony, Eroica is an intermingling of old and new world philosophies resulting in what may well be the best dry Riesling made in the United States. Truly a world-class wine.

Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon



Columbia Crest has been making wine in the Horse Heaven Hills region for several decades, now they are bringing us a new tier of wines called "H₃", which is an abbreviation for Horse Heaven Hills. The vineyards of the Horse Heaven Hills are an oasis in a rustic arid landscape. The Cascade Mountain



Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot

12 million years ago, a river of lava carved what is now known as the Canoe Ridge in Washington. Combined with the layers of soil deposited over the basalt by floods from the last ice age, young vines easily establish deep roots here. Grapes planted here in 1991 are getting more mature as are the winemakers. This wine is a great food wine and a perfect match with Italian food.

Brought to you by Chateau Ste. Michelle, Washington State's oldest and most acclaimed winery, this is one you are sure to love.

Congratulations

To our Red-X Wine Club Members
who took home prizes after
attending last month's Members
Only Tasting

Niki Shepherd - Columbia Crest
"Grand Estate" Reserve Cabernet

James Farr Jr. - Chateau Ste.
Michelle Pinot Grigio

Ruthie Wolkey - North Star Merlot

Kathy Blackwell - "H₃" Sauvignon
Blanc

range effectively blocks
any wet weather systems
from the Pacific Ocean.
While strong wind patterns
reduce canopy size and
density creating better sun
exposure for a fruit that is
concentrated with bold
varietal characteristics.

REMINDER

Each month's hand-picked
selections for our valued
Red-X Wine Club members
are available for pickup
after 1 pm on the 1st day
of each month.



Questions? Contact us at RedXWineClub@gmail.com