



HIGHTOWER  
C E L L A R S

HANDPICKED    HANDSORTED    HANDMADE

### **1998 Cabernet Sauvignon**

Columbia Valley  
Washington State

75% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Cabernet Franc  
20% Merlot

Pepper Bridge, Red Mountain and Alder Ridge Vineyards  
Seven Hills and Pepper Bridge Vineyards  
Boushey and Otis Vineyards

The grapes for this wine were handpicked and handsorted to ensure that only the best grapes were used. We fermented the fruit in small open-top containers no taller than they are wide to extract greater flavor and color by having more juice in contact with the grape skins. After gently pressing the wine from the skins the wine was aged in small oak barrels for twenty months. During barrel aging we gravity raked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in the spring of 2000.

As a result of our exceptional grape sources, our care in winemaking and the extremely warm weather we experienced in 1998, the wine is full of ripe, luscious fruit. The nose has a lovely array of dark cherry, currant, and black pepper; the mouth feel is complex and full bodied with soft, round tannins and a long, engaging finish.

We produced 360 cases.