



HIGHTOWER  
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### **2001 Cabernet Sauvignon**

Columbia Valley  
Washington State

88% Cabernet Sauvignon	Artz and Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain (35%), Alder Ridge (27%), Pepper Bridge (26%)
4% Merlot	Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain
8% Cabernet Franc	Alder Ridge

Hightower 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with an exquisite nose of sweet red fruits and blackberries with hints of leather, clove, tobacco, and vanilla. On the palate, this full-bodied wine balances cassis, black cherries, and plum flavors with a powerful, structured and velvet-textured mouth feel, culminating in a long finish.

We handpicked and handsorted the grapes for this wine to ensure the use of only the best grapes. Small open-top containers with a 1:1 ratio (as tall as they are wide) are used as fermenters in order to extract greater color and flavor by having more juice in contact with the grape skins. The lots for this wine were punched down by hand three times daily throughout primary fermentation. After gently pressing the wine from the skins, the wine was aged in a combination of 60% new, 40% neutral, select French, American & Hungarian barrels for 20 months. The wine was gravity-racked off its lees with a siphon during the barrel aging process and pumped only during bottling.

We produced 590 cases.