



HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

2008 Out of Line Red Wine
Red Mountain
Washington State

- 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, % Cab Franc, 7% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot
- 100% Red Mountain AVA, Hightower Cellars Out of Line Estate Vineyard

We named our estate vineyard on Red Mountain, Out of Line, (not due to the personalities of the winemakers) but because our vineyard rows are canted eleven degrees off of north south. This orientation more evenly balances the sun exposure on each side of the vine row, increasing the exposure on the east and decreasing it on the west. This wine shows off Red Mountain's character beautifully – it is inky black with an enticing amalgam of dark cherry, blackberry, cassis, cedar and a hint of vanilla on the nose; the palate shows dark fruit flavors built on a structure of fine grained tannins. What makes us excited as winemakers and now flavor farmers is that this is only the second harvest from the vineyard, it should only get better as it ages.

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 aged in small oak barrels for twenty months. During barrel aging we racked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in May of 2010.

We produced 308 cases