



HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

2009 Murray Syrah
Red Mountain
Washington State

- 95% Syrah.
- 5% Viognier (co-fermented with the Syrah)
- 100% Red Mountain AVA

This 2009 Murray Syrah is the third release of our estate vineyard Syrah. It is 100% from grapes we grew on Red Mountain; two different clones of Syrah co-fermented with 5% Viognier. The Mother Block (Tim's mom's vineyard) was in 5th leaf when we harvested these grapes. The intensity of the vineyard is starting to show even in this young wine. The Syrah is dark red with a floral and brambly berry nose with a hint of tar and creosote. The palate is pleasingly plush, smooth with a continuation of the brambly berry fruit through the finish.

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 gravity racked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in January of 2011.

We produced 253 cases