

HIGHTOWER

C E L L A R S

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain AVA

Cabernet Sauvignon 86%, Cabernet Franc 7%, Malbec 7%
Hightower "Out of Line" Estate Vineyard 67%, E&E Shaw Vineyard 33%

Oak Program

- New Oak 56%, Neutral 44%
- French 42%, American 25%, European 25%, Hungarian 8%

Clones

- Cabernet Sauvignon – Mostly Clone 8 with a healthy dose of Clone 6 and Clone 32

Harvest Dates

- Cabernet Sauvignon – Picked between 10/10/2018 and 10/26/2018
- Malbec – Picked 10/4/2018
- Cabernet Franc – Picked 09/27/2018

Production Methods

Handpicked, crushed, and destemmed directly into square open top fermentors. We do not use a must pump to help tame the tannins. Primary fermentation mostly occurs in fermentors. The wine is put directly into barrel where it finishes primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation.

Bottling Dates

- September 2nd, 2020 – much later than normal bottling dates due to Pandemic
- Bottled 332 cases

Cabernet Sauvignon and Hightower Cellars: a serious, long term relationship

When Tim and Kelly opened their winery in Woodinville in 1997, the first grapes they bought were Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain. When they purchased the land on Red Mountain that is now home to the estate vineyard and winery, the first thing they planted was Cabernet Sauvignon. You can say that Cabernet is a big deal around here; it has been affectionately nicknamed the "flagship wine" of Hightower Cellars.