



HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

2018 Hightower Merlot Red Mountain AVA

- Co-Winemakers – Tim and Kelly Hightower
- Merlot 91%, Cabernet Franc 9%
- Red Mountain AVA 100%
- Out-of-Line Estate Vineyard 73%, E&E Shaw Vineyard 27%
- Neutral Oak 61%, New Oak 39% (French 64%, American 18%, Hungarian 18%)
- Alcohol 14.7%
- Residual Sugar <0.1g/L

Inspired by both Old and New World styles, this wine showcases the velvety tannins and intense fruit flavors of Red Mountain Merlot while maintaining structure and balance. The 2018 vintage blend includes Cabernet Franc, which was chosen to accentuate the rich fruitiness and supple texture in the finished wine.

As much as possible, we take a non-interventionist approach to winemaking. We place great emphasis on vineyard selection, picking, pressing, and blending so that Hightower wines are naturally beautiful and free from pretense. We let the powerful and concentrated fruit from Red Mountain speak for itself. The result is a collection of well-balanced, nuanced wines that reveal something new and interesting each time you open a bottle. We like to think they're wines with character through and through — in how they were made, how they taste, and in the connections they inspire.

We produced 269 cases.

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