



HIGHTOWER
C E L L A R S

2016 Estate Red Wine Red Mountain AVA

- Co-Winemakers – Tim and Kelly Hightower
- Cabernet Franc 50%, Merlot 25%, Malbec 25%
- Red Mountain AVA 100%
- Hightower Estate Vineyard 100%
- New Oak 42%, Neutral Oak 58% (American 75%, French 25%,)
- Alcohol 14.8%
- Residual Sugar <0.1g/L

In a departure from our usual Cabernet Sauvignon focused Estate blend, the 2016 vintage of our Estate program features Cabernet Franc as the star. This lends our wine a lifted, floral aroma and spice on the palate, while the Malbec enhances the luxurious fruit quality, and the Merlot provides structure with its velvety tannins.

For a wine to be called Estate, it must be entirely grown, crushed, fermented, aged and bottled on the winery's property. In other words, you have to do it all – which we do! We always love putting this wine together every year. We are not formulaic in our winemaking, the varietals and blend percentages changed every year as we allow our palates to guide us to blend the best wine from the vintage. 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 100 cases.

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