

HIGHTOWER

C E L L A R S

2019 Red Mountain “Out of Line Vineyard” Estate Red Mountain AVA

Cabernet Franc 34%, Malbec 33%, Petit Verdot
Out-Of-Line Vineyard 100%

Oak Program

French 100%, New Oak 47%, Neutral Oak 53%
Aged for 23 months in barrel

Harvest Dates

Out of Line Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc – September 26th, 2019

Out of Line Estate Vineyard Malbec – October 1st, 2019

Out of Line Estate Vineyard Petit Verdot – October 25th, 2019

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.

Winemaking Notes

Estate Program

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 love putting this wine together every year. We are not formulaic winemakers; the varietals and blend percentages change each year as we allow our palates to guide us to blend the best wine from the vintage.

Our estate vineyard is affectionately named “Out of Line” because our rows were all planted at an 11°SE offset, which – alongside canopy management – increases sun exposure on the east-facing side and reduces it on the west-facing side of the vines. This helps achieve more balanced cluster ripeness on both sides of the vines, controls moisture and disease in the vineyard, and leads to a more predictable, consistent flavor in the resulting wines.

We produced 75 cases.