



HIGHTOWER
C E L L A R S

HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

1997 Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley
Washington State

78% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Cabernet Franc
10% Merlot

Red Mountain and Otis Vineyards
Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills and Stout Vineyards
Stout Vineyards

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 was aged in small oak barrels for twenty months. During barrel aging we gravity raked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in the spring of 1999.

As a result of our grape choices and our care in winemaking, the wine has developed into a complex and elegant wine. It has a lush nose of chocolate, black cherry and cedar. It is a wine of great structure with a mouth feel of soft, round, full tannins that carry the fruit to a long lingering finish.

We produced 220 cases.