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2003 Red Mountain Red Wine

Red Mountain
Washington State

- 90% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 10% Merlot

Since our inaugural vintage in 1997, Red Mountain has been our favorite source of grapes in Washington State. In 2002 we were fortunate enough to purchase 15 acres in this tiny appellation. This wine, produced from 100% Red Mountain grapes, is beautiful in hue and distinctive in flavor. The blend is from Artz and E&E Shaw Vineyards on Red Mountain. It's a beautiful wine with aromas of red currant and plum, showing the grace and power for which Red Mountain fruit is renowned. Though concentrated & dark, it sustains an elegant mouth-feel throughout the palate with layers of complexity.

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 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 2005.

We produced 115 cases