



HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

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HANDMADE

2004 Merlot
Columbia Valley
Washington State

- 82% Merlot
- 18% Cabemet Sauvignon
- 55% Alder Ridge, 45% Red Mountain

Our 2004 Merlot is full of complex fruit flavors – bright red raspberry and cherry from the Merlot and dark brooding fruit from the Cabemet. This fruit is kept fresh and lively by the wines bright acidity and smooth, rolling tannins. The wine has intensity and concentration with a hint of mineralness. The wine’s lively acidity and bright fruit which will pair nicely with rich meals.

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 summer of 2006

We produced 262 cases