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2004 Red Wine

Red Mountain
Washington State

- 80% Cabemet Sauvignon (50% from Artz Vineyard and 50% from E. & E. Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain)
- 20% Merlot (100% from E. & E. Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain)

Since our inaugural vintage in 1997, Red Mountain has been our favorite source of grapes. In 2002, we were fortunate enough to purchase 15 acres in this tiny appellation. This wine, produced from 100% Red Mountain grapes, is big, rich and luxurious. Dark fruit flavors with an undercurrent of classic Red Mountain mineralness dominate the nose and palate. Fruit and oak tannins integrate nicely on the palate.

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 2006.

We produced 130 cases