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HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

**2005 Red Mountain
Red Wine
Washington State**

- 90% Cabernet Sauvignon (100% from E. & E. Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain)
- 10% Merlot (100% from E. & E. Shaw Vineyard on Red Mountain)

This wine, which is our 3rd release of a Red Mountain appellation wine, is 100% from Red Mountain grapes. The wine is immensely satisfying and masculine yet smooth, like a fine, comfortable, old leather chair. Various dark fruit flavors along with aromas of cedar, smoke and classic Red Mountain mineralness dominate the nose and palate. In general, the 2005 vintage wines from Washington State show themselves to be of exceptionally high quality. We believe our 2005 Red Mountain wine to be a leading example of the 2005 vintage, through its fruit character, intensity and overall balance.

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 160 cases