



HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

2017 Hightower Merlot Red Mountain AVA

- Co-Winemakers – Tim and Kelly Hightower
- Merlot 86%, Cabernet Franc 7%, Petit Verdot 7%
- Red Mountain AVA 100%
- Hightower Estate Vineyard 79%, E&E Shaw Vineyard 21%
- Neutral Oak 62%, New Oak 38% (European 36%, Hungarian 29%, French 21%, American 14%)
- Alcohol 14.3%
- Residual Sugar <0.1g/L

“Year after year, co-winemakers Tim and Kelly Hightower produce some of the Northwest’s most balanced wines. Their use of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc in this blend creates magic. Blackberry, dark cherry and a hint of cedar lead into a full rich palate of more dark fruits and blackberry pie. Abundant and well-integrated tannins make for a long and generous finish.”

- Eric Degerman, *Great Northwest Wine*

As much as possible, we take a non-interventionist approach to winemaking. We place great emphasis on vineyard selection, picking, pressing, and blending so that Hightower wines are naturally beautiful and free from pretense. We let the powerful and concentrated fruit from Red Mountain speak for itself. The result is a collection of well-balanced, nuanced wines that reveal something new and interesting each time you open a bottle. We like to think they’re wines with character through and through – in how they were made, how they taste, and in the connections they inspire.

We produced 346 cases.

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