

HIGHTOWER

C E L L A R S

2018 Red Mountain Reserve Red Mountain AVA

Cabernet Sauvignon 88%, Cabernet Franc 12%
Hightower "Out-Of-Line" Estate Vineyard 50%, E&E Shaw Vineyard 50%

Oak Program

French 50%, European 37%
New Oak 79%, Neutral Oak 21%
Aged for 23 months in barrel

Harvest Dates

September 27 – October 25, 2018

Production Methods

Handpicked, crushed, and destemmed directly into square open top fermentors. We do not use a must pump to help tame the tannins. Primary fermentation mostly occurs in fermentors. The wine is put directly into barrel where it finishes primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation.

Alcohol

14.7%

Winemaking Notes

Reserve Program

With 25 years of winemaking under their belts, including 20 years caring for their own vineyard, Tim and Kelly are veterans of Red Mountain. They bring this experience to bear when crafting their wines. The Reserve wines bring together a subset of grape clones that have proven themselves through the years; thoughtful vineyard practices that affect yield, berry size, concentration, flavor, and color intensity; and careful blending and barrel selections that serve as a spice cabinet to elevate the wine. The Reserve is one of the first wines blended each year. Tim & Kelly taste through all the barrels in the winery and put together potential combinations – once they decide on the final blend, any leftover reserve style barrels are released for use in our other wines.

We produced 195 cases.