

## 2014 Pepper Bridge Vineyard Merlot Walla Walla Valley AVA

- Co-Winemakers Tim and Kelly Hightower
- Merlot 100%
- Walla Walla Valley AVA 100% (Pepper Bridge Vineyard 100%)
- New Oak 86%, Neutral Oak 14% (French 57%, American 43%)
- Alcohol 14.1%
- Residual Sugar <0.1g/</li>

Pepper Bridge perfection – from one of the oldest blocks at Pepper Bridge Vineyard, this wine shows the balance and poise of a tightrope walker with enough acid to keep it interesting balancing a rich, full mouthfeel. This wine shows off spicy, red berry fruit aromas and flavors that linger seductively on the finish.

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 172 cases.