

HIGHTOWER

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HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

2010 Out of Line “Estate Vineyard” Red Wine

Red Mountain
Washington State

- 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 9% Malbec
- 100% Out of Line Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, Washington

2010 was an abnormally cool year here in Washington, but luckily Red Mountain is one of the hottest sites in the state. Even though harvest was later than usual we had no problem getting our estate grapes ripe. One of the benefits of the cool year is mirrored in the bright acidity of this wine. The color is a beautiful hue of pure dark red - like the darkest Bing cherry you have ever seen. The nose has a lovely array of dark red and black fruits and berries with a touch of cinnamon and other baking spices. The wine's mid-palate shows off the wine's bright acidity as well as the fully developed luscious gripe of the ripe round tannins.

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 racked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in May of 2012.

We produced 305 cases.