

# HEDGES

**One of the pioneering wineries in Washington State in the renowned AVA, Red Mountain, which was nominated as AVA of the Year in 2014 by Wine Enthusiast Magazine!**

**‘Credited with developing Red Mountain as Washington’s premier wine region.’ -Purewow.com**

**Year Founded: 1987**

**Region: Red Mountain, WA**

**Owner/Winemaker: The Hedges Family/ Sarah Hedges**

**Known For: Being the Guardian of Red Mountain!**

**-Biodynamic (Demeter Certified), Organic (CCOF Certified), LIVE Certified, Sustainable and Salmon Safe-**

Estate grown. Family operated. Biodynamically farmed (Demeter-certified). These concepts lay the foundation for Hedges Family Estate, a family-owned property in the heart of Washington wine country. With more than thirty years of vintages behind them, Tom and Anne-Marie Hedges can proudly look back at their pioneering efforts to help establish the modern Washington wine industry, and specifically, their efforts in establishing the renowned Red Mountain American Viticultural Area. Beginning as negociants

selling their first Hedges-branded Columbia Valley wine to the Swedish government in the late eighties, the Hedges quickly realized the importance of site for producing world-class wines. Scraping together enough cash for a down-payment, they purchased a fifty-acre parcel on the dusty southwest slope of Red Mountain, a barely-known growing region at the time. The Hedges then dedicated their lives to spreading the great wines of Red Mountain around the world and have now acquired another seventy acres and built a stunning French Chateau at the center of their organic farm and vineyards. More than thirty years later, the second generation, Christophe and Sarah, continue their parents’ vision. With an equal amount of passion for the land, they spearheaded the transition to biodynamic and organic farming. Now, over half of the vineyards and gardens are Demeter-certified biodynamic, with the rest of the estate in transition. Through Biodynamic and organic farming and natural winemaking, the Hedges family expresses the unique characteristics of their five estate vineyards. By farming and winemaking with minimal inputs, they believe they are truly capturing the terroir and showing respect for what nature has provided them. Anne-Marie grew up in Champagne, France, and is no doubt the messenger of these old-world philosophies and beliefs that have preserved the land for thousands of years before her. Great care is taken to continue this preservation for future generations. Practices such as early picking, natural fermentation, and conservative oak management lead to their traditionalist, international style of subtlety, finesse, and respect for the fruit. Wine is life, culture, and tradition. The Hedges family lives and breathes this every day and hopes, that with every glass of their wine, you will feel this energy and connect with the land that provides it.



**Hedges Family Estate was one of 16 wineries worldwide in 2022 to be awarded Robert Parker’s Green Emblem Award. Out of the 9 wineries recognized in the United States, Hedges is proud to be the one of 2 Washington State wineries on this esteemed list.**

“Every year, our reviewers visit thousands of wineries all over the world and witness their initiatives to farm more sustainably firsthand. Last year, we launched the Robert Parker Green Emblem, an annual award that recognizes wineries that are leaders and, in many cases, pioneers of sustainability. Whether it’s moving away from herbicides and pesticides, embracing biodiversity or attaining carbon neutrality, sustainability has many faces. But it’s no secret that many of the world’s best wine producers believe that living soils and balanced ecosystems not only help guarantee their industry’s future but also deliver the most compelling results in the glass. Our Green Emblem is given in recognition of the most extraordinary cases of sustainable efforts in our wine industry. The distinction is awarded to producers/wineries that have achieved outstanding levels of sustainability. It is very rarely given out, and only after careful consideration of firsthand reviewer knowledge.”





### 2020 C.M.S. Chardonnay, Columbia Valley

100% Chardonnay. For optimum fruit flavors and aromas, drink now. The higher acid in this wine should keep it drinking well for several more years. 100% stainless steel fermentation to dryness at cool temperatures to retain the maximum fruit aromas and flavors then was aged with oak for one month. Fruit was sourced from Columbia Valley AVA. Aromas of mixed apples, lemon shortbread, almond pastry, peach blossoms, a little spice and a touch of salinity. Tart flavors of apple and citrus, balancing well with creamy mid-palate flavors of nectarine, slight minerality and floral notes. This is a serious Chardonnay for traditionalists with a very forgiving edge.

**Sustainable and LIVE Certified!**



### 2021 C.M.S. Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley

78% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Chardonnay, 2% Marsanne. One of the original malic-acid friendly white wines released from Washington State. 100% stainless steel fermentation to dryness at cool temperatures to retain the maximum fruit aromas and flavors. Fruit was sourced from several Columbia Valley vineyards including the Yakima Valley and Columbia Valley AVA's. No malolactic fermentation. This unique combination of grapes always produces a wine with a pleasant aromatic character and the 2021 is no exception. Zesty citrus fruit, white peach, gooseberry, touch of dried herbs, pineapple, and pear. Lean, crisp, and refreshing with flavors of pear, citrus and a touch of baked apple and subtle shortbread. **Sustainable!**



### 2021 C.M.S. Red Wine, Columbia Valley, Red Mountain

**'Top 100 Wines of 2018!' -Sunset Magazine**

Washington State's original blended red wine, has been produced and bottled by the estate since 1987. **Consistently recognized as one of the best values in Washington State**, CMS Red combines elegance and historic blending practices with top quality vineyard sources in the Columbia Valley. A style consistent with classic northern latitude wine growing, it's known for a more Columbia Valley AVA regionally driven style, giving way to purity and structure over modernity. 67% Merlot 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Syrah. Grapes come from the Columbia Valley vineyards, Wooded Island, Bacchus and Sagemoor (all part of Sagemoor Farms), and the Red Mountain Vineyards of Hedges, Bel' Villa, Jolet, Les Gosses and Magdalena. Most of the wines were pumped over during alcoholic fermentation for 6 to 10 days while on American Oak. About 40% of the wine was racked to barrel where it completed malolactic fermentation and then aged for an additional 15-18 months. The other 60% completed M-L in tank, at the end of which it was racked onto French Oak and had SO2

added. About 60% French oak /40% American oak. Light red raspberry, wild blackberry, dried cherries, semi-sweet chocolate, dried herbs, dusty earth with touches of cinnamon, vanilla bean, subtle tamarind, and orange zest. Light on the entry with an explosive mid-palate leading into a long nish with -avors of cherry, vanilla, cocoa bean, herbs and toasted spices. This wine is delicious, well rounded and sure to be a crowd pleaser. It's interesting without being complicated and perfectly complements a variety of foods and situations. **Sustainable!**

**95 Points** - Double Gold Sunset International Wine Awards



### 2021 C.M.S. ORGANIC Red Wine, Red Mountain

47% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah. Grapes come from Tagaris' estate vineyard in the Wahluke slope and our Estate Red Mountain vineyards. Most of the wines were pumped over during alcoholic fermentation for 6 to 10 days while on American Oak. About 40% of the wine was racked to barrel where it completed malolactic fermentation and then aged for an additional 10 months. The other 60% completed M-L in tank, at the end of which it was racked onto about 60% French oak /40% American oak. Light red jammy fruits, with undertones of earth, spice, and hint of light cocoa powder and vanilla bean. Rustic structure with earthy cherry, bramble bush, dried basil and a long impactful finish.

**Certified Organic!**



### 2021 C.M.S. Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Red Mountain

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 2% Syrah. The grapes were sourced from Sagemoor, Wooded Island and Hogue vineyards in the Columbia Valley AVA and Hedges Estate, Jolet, Bel' Villa, and Les Gosses vineyards in the Red Mountain AVA. The must was pumped over for 10 days and pressed to tank, where it underwent malo-lactic fermentation. The Columbia Valley portion of this wine was fermented to dryness on 100% American Oak and aged on a mix of French oak and neutral barrels for 5 months. The Red Mountain AVA Wines were 100% barrel aged in 100% neutral American and French oak for 19 months. Black cherry, chocolate, peppercorn, dried thyme, cassis, black tea, vanilla and a touch of cedar on the nose. Very smooth, rich palate with flavors of blackberry, milk chocolate, toasted walnut, vanilla spice, cassis and leather. Long length, lush and nicely balanced.

**Sustainable!**



### 2020 Hedges Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, 4% Syrah, 4% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is lovely now but Red Mountain Cabernet should age well, probably peaking in 10 years, but still very drinkable at 15-20 years old. Fruit was sourced Bel' Villa (52%), Hedges (23%), Jolet (13%), Magdalena (8%) and Les Gosses (4%) vineyards. This wine was cold soaked overnight then inoculated with yeast, fermented for 7-10 days on skins while being pumped over twice daily before pressing to barrels, where it underwent malo-lactic fermentation. It was 100% barrel aged for 20 months in 47% new oak, 64% French and 36% American. **Sustainable & Vegan!**

**92 Points – James Suckling** – *“Lots of spices, dried rosemary, crushed walnuts and blackcurrants. Medium- to full-bodied with firm, chalky tannins and juicy purple-fruit character, seasoned with dried, spicy herbs and cocoa.”*

**91 Points – Robert Parker** – *“Aromas of dark fruits and a fine mineral essence lift from the glass with ease and finesse. Medium to full-bodied, the wine offers a firm tannic grip with fresh and lively mineral tension before uncoiling across the delightfully food-friendly finish.”*



## 2021 Red Mountain Red Wine, Red Mountain

**The flagship wine of the estate.** 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 3% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot, .5% Souzáo, .5% Touriga Nacional. This wine, like other Red Mountain wines, is best now with food, but will age well, probably peaking in 5-10 more years. Grapes are from Red Mountain AVA vineyards within a 2-mile radius of the winery: Bel' Villa (48%), Hedges (36%), Les Gosses (3%) and Jolet (13%). Destemmed and partially crushed into stainless steel fermenters where it was pumped over twice daily until desired tannin extraction was achieved. It was then pressed to barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation, then racked off lees. 100% barrel aged in American oak (54%), new oak (44%) and French oak (46%). Dark reddish berries, cinnamon bark, cassis, fresh rosemary, holiday spice, vanilla, cocoa and a touch of cardamom and baker's chocolate. Very long and structured palate with layers of flavor from dark bramble fruits, vanilla, mixed spice, a touch of cacao and tamarind. Nicely textured and elegant, yet powerful. The epitome of classic style and one that represents the terroir of the Red Mountain AVA in a pure and elegant form. This wine has a classic Hedges style with a modern touch, very enjoyable now and will age for years to come.

**Sustainable!**

**93 Points – '20 International Wine Report** – *“An incredible value. Brambly fruits, blackberry preserves, fresh vanilla, toasted cinnamon spice, candied violet, dark chocolate, and mountain sage combine wonderfully on the palate. Spicy and earthy on the mid-palate, this complex and delectable wine has a finish that goes on for ages.”*

## 2017 La Haute Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain

**The first Demeter-certified biodynamic Cabernet Sauvignon ever made in Washington State.**

Grapes are 95% from Hedges Estate vineyard and 5% Magdalena vineyard. Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested between 10/6 and 10/12 and the Petit Verdot was harvested on 10/5. Juice underwent native fermentation in tank and then pressed to barrels. After finishing primary fermentation the wine went through native malolactic fermentation and then was aged for 21 months in 32% new oak (67% American, 33% French) before bottling. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

Classic wines require three very important ingredients: A great vintage, a Biodynamic vineyard and an expert natural winemaker. If you're reading this, you are either about to drink this wine, or looking for context before you purchase it. The wine smells of cherry and new leather, with scents of menthol and fenel spice. The palate is young, tense, and definitive. Tannins are abundant, but silky. The finish is pronounced, secure, prophetic and meaty, yet, not over extracted. Good things come to those who will wait. Recommend 12 hours of decanting when drunk young.

**Demeter Certified Biodynamic, CCOF Certified Organic, Sustainable and Certified Salmon Safe!**

**93 Points – James Suckling** – *“Perfumed aromas of pine cone, incense, sandalwood, rosemary and dark fruit. Full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins. Intense and layered. Good structure, focus and energy.”*

**91 Points – Jeb Dunnuck**



## **2017 DLD Syrah, Les Gosses Vineyard**

100% Syrah from Les Gosses Vineyard, which is in the Red Mountain AVA, and has both the Joseph Phelps and Tablas Creek clones. The wine was destemmed and partially crushed into stainless steel fermenters where it was pumped over twice daily until desired tannin extraction was achieved. It was then pressed to barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation, then racked on lees. 100% barrel aged in 52% new oak and puncheons (48% neutral oak) for 19 months. The new oak and puncheons consisted of 49% American and 51% French. A real treat, this Syrah has a pleasant richness, yet is also noticeably delicate and elegant.

**Sustainable and Certified Salmon Safe!**

**93 Points – '16 James Suckling** – *"This is a fantastic Syrah, offering lots of blackberries, meat, sweet yet dried wood and smoke on the nose and palate. Medium to full body. Polished, soft tannins."*

**97 Points, Double Gold Medal, 'Grand Red Wine of the Year', 'Wine of the Year by Country', 'Wine of the Year by Varietal'** - Sommelier's Choice Awards, 2014 Vintage