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## 2018 Kiona Merlot Heart of the Hill

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Opening to a bright and expressive core of red fruits, the 2018 Merlot Heart of the Hill offers aromas of dark cherry, black plum and seductive oak spices with hints of cedar and dusty florals. Full-bodied and chewy, the tannins grip the gumline before slowly revealing hints of sage with dusty plum skin. The Merlot concludes with a long-lingering finish that will no doubt be fantastic with food, and I look forward to revisiting this Merlot on its 10th birthday.

**- Anthony Mueller (May, 2023)**

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