## Wine Spirits

## 92 | Kiona

2016 Red Mountain Merlot (Best Buy) Starting off broad and waxy, this formidably structured wine quickly shows its refinement, with scents of plum skin and lilac. It's fresh and succulent, bright with youthful detail, with classic Red Mountain tannins framing a cushion of dark purple fruit. It needs cellar time; if you open it now, decant. Reviewed by Patrick J. Comiskey.

