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26 Wineries to Visit in Washington and Oregon



“High up on Red Mountain, the tasting room at Kiona Vineyards overlooks the estate vines, which produce some of Washington’s best, and most wallet-friendly, Bordeaux blends. The views are panoramic and the wines are comprehensive—complex, layered, and deep.

When Jim Holmes and John Williams purchased 80 acres on Red Mountain in 1975, most people thought they were crazy. The region was like a desert with blasting sun (two more hours per day than Napa Valley) and very little water (an average of five inches of precipitation annually). But massive diurnal temperature shifts and well-draining, sandy soils proved ideal for grape growing, specifically for Cabernet Sauvignon, and Kiona became a pioneer in what is now recognized as one of the world’s great terroirs.

The tasting room is open daily between noon and 5:00 p.m. and all visits are free with the purchase of a bottle. Try the Red Bordeaux Blend Reserve, a Cabernet dominant blend that punches well above its weight class in terms of value, as well as the Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, a true Red Mountain classic, offering muscular dark fruit layered with baking spice, cedar, and crushed stones.”

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