

Kiona

2021 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN MERLOT

RED MOUNTAIN ORIGINALS

In 1975 our family planted the first vineyard on Red Mountain, an area now known for producing some of the world's most powerful, opulent wines of distinction. For three generations we've worked together on our farm to grow exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of our Red Mountain estates.

VINEYARD PROFILE

The Kiona Estate vineyard is the oldest on Red Mountain. We have 4 distinct blocks of Merlot here; the first was planted in 1976, the youngest in 1995. All four feature in this release. Recently we've seen a dramatic increase in demand for Red Mountain Merlot, owing in part to the quality of these more established blocks and the elegant, layered wines they produce.

WINE PROFILE

Merlot from Red Mountain is special; here it's a powerful yet elegant grape, capable of producing wines of profound depth and density of character. Our oak regimen emphasizes geographical specificity and variety purity - neutral barrels outnumber new. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Malbec components provide layering, depth, and additional complexity.

SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD COMPOSITION //

91% Kiona Estate
4% Ciel du Cheval (Sourced)
3% Heart of the Hill
1% Ranch at the End of the Road
1% Sunset Bench

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

92% Merlot
6% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot
1% Malbec

ACCOLADES FOR 2021 VINTAGE //

91 - James Suckling

WORLD CLASS IN LIGHTER GLASS // 425 12 x 750 mL cases, tin capsules, TCA-free micro-agglomerated corks. 470-gram ecoglass bottles. Finished product case weight 34.5 lbs.

VITICULTURIST //

Scott Williams

WINEMAKING TEAM //

Tyler Williams, Mellissa Whitaker, Junior Flores, Jorge Mejia, Stephanie Santos, Ismael Aguilar

WINEMAKING //

Kiona Estate Merlot component 100% hand-picked into macrobins on 9/21/21. Mechanically and optically sorted into 1.5 ton open-top stainless fermenters. Inoculated with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* D21. Combination of twice-daily manual punchdowns and punchovers. 100% ML. 26 months in 43% new French, 1.3% new American, 1.3% European, remainder neutral.

VINTAGE NOTES //

2021 saw some of the warmest temperatures on record in our area, particularly early in the growing season. Heat units in May and June tracked 11.8% and 10.5% higher than in 2020, respectively, while the second half of the summer (July-September) was cumulatively 12.2% lower. Quality across the board is high, with many growers on Red Mountain noting the surprisingly nice acidities given the powerful ripening season. Yields were lower than expected.

pH // 3.88 TA // 5.3 g/L GLU+FRU // 0.24 g/L VA // 0.63 g/L ALC. // 13.2% VEGAN // Yes



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