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2022 ESTATE BOTTLED RED MOUNTAIN MOURVÈDRE

Our winemaking team cherishes this 3.8-acre Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre planting as one of their in-house favorites year after year. The thick-skinned, late-ripening cultivar thrives on Red Mountain, where we craft it into a lively, medium-bodied wine with brilliant purity and freshness.

While it doesn't enjoy mainstream awareness in the US wine market, Mourvèdre nonetheless plays an important role in some of the world's most celebrated bottlings - fans of French Bandol and Spanish Monastrell know how delicious the grape can be. We initially planted Mourvèdre in 2006 as a traditional (and intriguing!) blending component with Syrah, but the reality is that it deserves top billing in its own wine - it's simply too good to blend away into a different cuvée year after year.

Fans of this Estate Bottled version should seek out Avennia's Justine blend and Syncline's Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre - both stellar offerings are sourced from this same block.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION // 100% Red Mountain AVA, 100% Estate Grown & Bottled

VINEYARD + COMPOSITION // 100% Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre

WINEMAKING // 100% hand-picked on 11/10. Mechanically and optically sorted into 1.5 ton open-top stainless fermenters. Inoculated with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* NT 202. Combination of twice-daily manual punchdowns and pumpovers. Full ML in barrel, topped 6x per year. 33 months, 0% new, 29% second-fill French, 6% second-fill American, remainder neutral.

WORLD CLASS IN LIGHTER GLASS // 470g Ecoglass, 516 12x750 mL cases, no capsule

SUSTAINABLE WA CERTIFIED // Yes

pH // 3.71 **TA** // 4.9 g/L **GLU+FRU** // 0.14 g/L **VA** // 0.49 g/L **ALC.** // 13.5% **VEGAN** // Yes

