



2016 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN CABERNET FRANC

Our five Red Mountain estate vineyards (Kiona Estate, Heart of the Hill, Ranch at the End of the Road, Artz Vineyard, and Sunset Bench) encompass more than 272 planted acres. Only 5.8 are dedicated to Cabernet Franc, translating to a paltry 2.1% of our farm. This 2016 release is only the 4th time in our 40-year history that we've bottled it on its own.

Cabernet Franc is an exciting variety. DNA testing has shown that it is a parent of the now-more-famous Cabernet Sauvignon (the other parent is Sauvignon Blanc—believe it or not!). On the surface, Cabernet Franc has many stylistic parallels with its esteemed offspring; color, flavor profile, and aromatics can all present similarly.

There are distinct differences, however. Cabernet Franc tends to produce wines that can be more aromatic than Cabernet Sauvignon, with a flavor and aromatic profile that skews less towards fruit and more towards savory. It often has a lighter pigmentation, but this does not necessarily translate to "weaker" wines. In fact, in many places (including Red Mountain) Cabernet Franc produces wines that match Cabernet Sauvignon in structure and intensity. Enjoy this limited release!

AVA // 100% Red Mountain AVA

VINEYARD SOURCES // 100% Kiona Estate

VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 100% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING // Small twice-daily punchdowns, 60% New French Oak

CASE PRODUCTION // 142 12x750mL cases, Bottled 05/28/2019

