

2018 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN LEMBERGER

Kékfrankos. Nagyburgundy. Gamé. Blaufränkisch. Frankovka. These are all names used for the same grape; we call it Lemberger here on Red Mountain. Some may argue the name is a negative, although we would counter that it's not intrinsically stranger or harder to say than others that get a free pass: Tempranillo, Semillon, or even Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Once upon a time, the early Washington State wine brain trust landed on Lemberger as a leading candidate to become the state's "definitive red grape." We've championed Lemberger since our earliest days; our first block went in at the Kiona Estate vineyard in 1976 and we've added significantly more over the intervening decades.

Since then we've built a cult following for the wine; as far as we can tell, we are the largest Lemberger producer in the western hemisphere. The grape thrives on Red Mountain, where we craft it into a fun, softer-bodied wine high on the "yum" factor and more approachable than some other, more tannic Red Mountain offerings.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //

100% Red Mountain AVA, 100% Estate Grown and Bottled

VINEYARD SOURCES //

90% Kiona Estate, 10% Heart of the Hill

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

85% Lemberger, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Carmenère, 5% Mourvèdre CASE PRODUCTION // 3,310 12 x 750 mL cases

pH // 3.57 TA // 5.1 g/L ALCOHOL // 14.1%

