



2016 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN CHENIN BLANC ICE WINE

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 side by side, hand in hand to craft exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of Red Mountain.

VINEYARD PROFILE

While Red Mountain is known for big, powerful red wines, it's also an exceedingly good place to grow white varieties. The Kiona Estate vineyard has four acres of chenin blanc planted in a depression, ensuring a consistent freeze every year. We don't pick the grapes until they are naturally frozen in the vineyard, a process that concentrates their sugar and flavor to unprecedented levels.

WINE PROFILE

Ice Wine is one of the world's most elusive and delicious elixirs. We prefer to use chenin blanc, a varietal that allows for robust acidity and intense tropical fruit flavors. We emphasize acidity over outright sweetness to produce a balanced, crisp wine that dances on the tongue.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage started early, with temperatures in the triple digits in May. The summer was pretty typical; lots of ripening ability and absent of precipitation. Although harvest started early, temperatures cooled nicely in late summer, extending harvest and allowing for great flavor development.

STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCE // 100% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain
VINEYARD BLOCK PLANTED // 1976, 1983
HARVEST DATE // December 7, 2016
VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 100% Chenin Blanc
WINEMAKING // 100% Stainless, 35.6° Brix @ Harvest
CASE PRODUCTION // 1,063 cases, 12x375 mL, btld 3/17
pH // 3.20
TA // 9.7 g/L
ALCOHOL // 9.2%
RS // 192 g/L

"This just might be a pretty damned good place to grow wine grapes."

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.



KIONA VINEYARDS AND WINERY

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