



2016 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 side by side, hand in hand to craft exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of Red Mountain.

VINEYARD PROFILE

The Kiona Estate vineyard is the oldest on Red Mountain. This blend includes fruit from four of our distinct blocks of Merlot, the first of which was planted in 1976, the youngest in 1995. Each block continues to surprise us even after several decades of experience, and each contributes to the profile of the wine in its own intriguing way.

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. A gentle oak regimen that employs primarily 2nd-fill barrels ensures abundant fruit and geographical specificity are preserved in the finished wine. A significant Cabernet Sauvignon addition, all from the Heart of the Hill, provides layering, depth, and additional complexity.

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

APPELLATION //

100% Red Mountain AVA

VINEYARD SOURCES //

62% Kiona Estate, 38% Heart of the Hill

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

79% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION //

1,667 cases, 12 x 750 mL

pH // 3.76 TA // 5.2 g/L ALCOHOL // 14.5%

"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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