



2016 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN SYRAH

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

Legendary Washington vineyard guru Dick Boushey famously proclaimed that "syrah loves a view," and that's exactly what Sunset Bench vineyard offers. It's located higher on the hill than many of our other plantings, resulting in superb air/water drainage, dramatic diurnal temperature swings, and ample heat accumulation.

WINE PROFILE

Syrah from Red Mountain is prized for producing wines of profound concentration, color, and character. Elevage in a gentle french oak program ensures gorgeous fruit and ample minerality are preserved in bottle. Expect deep color and a lengthy finish; this is a remarkable wine. Mourvèdre in the blend adds aromatics, savories, and 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

VINEYARD SOURCES //

85% Sunset Bench, Red Mountain AVA

15% Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain AVA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

85% Syrah, 12% Mourvèdre, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKING //

Small-lot open-top ferments, twice daily manual punchdown

CASE PRODUCTION //

390 cases, 12 x 750 mL, Bottled February 2020

pH // 3.68 TA // 6.07 g/L ALCOHOL // 14.5%

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.



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