



## 2017 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. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Syrah components provide layering, depth, and additional complexity.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Heat accumulation in 2017 tracked slightly lower than the extreme highs during 2016 and 2015, and a wet spring resulted in higher overall precipitation when viewed from an annual perspective. The long, warm summer was prototypical for the area, resulting in delightful wines with strong varietal typicity.

### STATISTICS

#### APPELLATION //

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

#### VINEYARD SOURCES //

82% Kiona Estate, 13% Heart of the Hill, 5% Sunset Bench

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

75% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Syrah

#### CASE PRODUCTION //

855 cases, 12 x 750 mL

pH // 3.59 TA // 5.85 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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