



2018 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, increasing the likelihood that we are able to produce Ice Wine. 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. For decades we've produced this Red Mountain version with chenin blanc, a grape that showcases well-balanced, crisp acidity and intense tropical fruit characteristic that dances on the tongue. A sensory tour de force that is sure to impress.

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 heat accumulation tracked slightly behind the 2017 vintage on Red Mountain. Bloom occurred slightly ahead of historical averages, and during ideal weather conditions. Crop loads were heavy going into the summer, resulting in the need to perform additional thinning. Weather during harvest (September-October) was ideal. It's a stellar high acid and high sugar vintage.

STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCE // 100% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain
VINEYARD BLOCKS PLANTED // 1976, 1983
VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 100% Chenin Blanc
HARVEST DATE // November 9, 2018
WINEMAKING // 100% Stainless, 31.3° Brix @ Harvest
CASE PRODUCTION // 2,290 cases, 12x375 mL, btld 01/19
pH // 3.26
TA // 8.63 g/L
ALCOHOL // 9%
RS // 175 g/L

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.



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