

2018 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN LEMBERGER

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

Kiona Vineyards and Winery produced the first commercial bottling of Lemberger in the United States in 1980. Since then, our original 1.8 acre planting has grown to 13.1 acres. Lemberger is typically grown in cooler regions; Red Mountain is a blast furnace by comparison, which means ours is stouter and darker than most.

WINE PROFILE

For more than four decades Lemberger has been an important part of our family's tradition on Red Mountain. The grape thrives here, producing medium-bodied, fruit-driven wines that pair well with a wide array of foods. It's an uncommon grape that's worthy of attention.

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 heat accumulation tracked slightly behind the 2017 vintage on Red Mountain. Bloom occured 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 SOURCES //

90% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain 10% Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

85% Lemberger

5% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Carmenère

5% Mourvèdre

CASE PRODUCTION // 3,310 12 x 750 mL pH // 3.87 TA // 5.1 g/L ALCOHOL // 14%

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.