



2018 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

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

APPELLATION //

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

VINEYARD SOURCES //

90% Kiona Estate, 10% Heart of the Hill

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

83% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Carmenère

CASE PRODUCTION //

1,182 12 x 750 mL cases, Bottled May 2021

pH // 3.8 TA // 5.25 g/L ALCOHOL // 15.1%

"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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