

Kiona

2022
ESTATE BOTTLED RED MOUNTAIN
HEART OF THE HILL CARMENÈRE

Kiona's first Carmenère planting went in at our Heart of the Hill estate vineyard in 2008. The 4.8-acre block quickly gained a cult following among winemakers looking to produce an appealing varietal wine slightly off the beaten path. This 2022 bottling represents only the 3rd ever Carmenère release under our label (the first coming from the 2012 vintage, the second from 2018).

Carmenère owes its modern renaissance to the Chilean wine industry, which (accidentally) rescued it from oblivion and turned it into a compelling headliner for those looking for alternatives to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Red Mountain provides an ideal ripening environment for Carmenère, which, if not allowed to ripen fully, can have a polarizing pyrazine profile, with green or vegetal characteristics taking center stage. High-end versions (both domestically and imported) tend to mitigate this tendency to produce an exotic, compelling, and fascinating bottle of wine.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION // 100% Red Mountain AVA, 100% Estate Grown & Bottled

VINEYARD + COMPOSITION // 100% Heart of the Hill Carmenère

WINEMAKING // Heart of the Hill Carmenère 100% hand-picked on October 13, 2022. Mechanically and optically sorted into 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Inoculated with Scott Labs NT116 Wine Yeast, twice-daily punchdowns. 100% ML. 42% total volume aged in new French oak, remainder neutral. 38 month élevage. Crossflow filtered before bottling.

WORLD CLASS IN LIGHTER GLASS // 470g Ecoglass, 458 12x750 mL cases, no capsule
pH // 3.83 **TA** // 5.3 g/L **GLU+FRU** // 0.17 g/L **VA** // 0.55 g/L **ALC.** // 14.9% **VEGAN** // Yes
SUSTAINABLE WA CERTIFIED // Yes

