



2014 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 our area is tannic and robust, resulting in a deeply nuanced wine that can stand up to Cabernet Sauvignon in terms of vitality and structure. We really like to use second-fill barrels with our Merlot, as they impart a smooth, round character without being overly woody or covering up the delightful fresh-fruit flavors that Red Mountain is known for. Small Carmenère and Petit Verdot additions contribute depth and color.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2014 vintage was one of the warmest on record. Flavors and sugars developed rapidly, producing wines with lots of power and depth. Most varietals were picked ahead of schedule.

STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCES //

88% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain

11% Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain

1% Ranch at the End of the Road, Red Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

93% Merlot

5% Carmenère

2% Petit Verdot

CASE PRODUCTION // 1,052, 12 x 750 mL

pH // 3.72 TA // 5.3 g/L ALCOHOL // 13.9%

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.

Kiona KIONA VINEYARDS AND WINERY

RED MOUNTAIN AVA | KIONA.WINE | 44612 N SUNSET RD BENTON CITY WA 99320 | 509.588.6716