

“I enjoyed these three wines from Kiona Vineyards. They’re in the Red Mountain AVA of Washington State, which is well known for its red wines. Cleverly made, these are wines with a sense of harmony and drinkability. Good to see Malbec and Lemberger (Blaufrankisch) getting some airplay, and I appreciated the thinking behind the three-vintage red blend.”

**Kiona Vineyards Lemberger 2018 Red Mountain, Washington State, USA**

14% alcohol. Lemberger, also known as Blaufrankisch and Kekfrankos, is a lovely red grape variety. Here, it has fashioned a supple midweight wine with a nice juiciness, and notes of fine spices and tar, as well as sweet cherry and strawberry fruit. There’s warmth and volume here. Lovely drinkability.

**89/100**

*-Jamie Goode, August 2020*

