



“The Best Wine in Washington State: Notes from Taste Washington 2009”

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Alder Yarrow, founder and editor of vinography.com, recently posted his reviews of wines tasted at Taste Washington, the most comprehensive tasting event of a single region (Washington State) of its kind. Founded in 2004, “the site is now a respected source for non-mainstream wine writing, and one of the most influential wine blogs on the Internet...we do not and never will accept advertising from wineries, winegrowers, or wine production companies...”

Yarrow states, “It’s quite clear, without a doubt, that for the same quality of wine, Washington State Cabernet, in particular, is about half the price of Napa. Need I say more? In short, those who love a great Cabernet Sauvignon would do well to explore these wines more thoroughly, especially in these economic times.”

Wines are scored on a 10-point scale. Many Kiona wines were exceptionally rated, as follows:

Red Wines Scoring Between 9 and 9.5

Kiona 2002 Estate Merlot, Red Mountain

Red Wines with a Score Around 9

Kiona 2003 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain

Kiona 2005 Merlot, Washington State

Red Wines Scoring Between 8.5 and 9

Kiona 2003 Estate Sangiovese, Red Mountain

Kiona 2003 Cabernet/Merlot, Washington State

Red Wines with a Score Around 8.5

Kiona 2005 Estate Lemberger, Red Mountain

White Wines with a Score Around 8.5

Kiona 2005 Estate Chardonnay, Red Mountain

Regarded as one of the foremost growing areas in the world, Washington State’s famed Red Mountain Appellation was pioneered by the Williams family of Kiona, who first planted vines there in 1975.

Three proud generations of winemaking and viticultural excellence contribute to Kiona’s success.