



Wine Press Northwest

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Platinum

Kiona Vineyards Winery 2003 Merlot, Columbia Valley This Red Mountain pioneer producer earned our first Platinum back in 2000, and it continues to craft wines of plushness and power. This older release from second-generation winemaker Scott Williams shows elegant maturity on the nose and palate. It opens with aromas of spices, mints and Bing cherries, followed by bold flavors of blackberries, black cherries and plums. It shows off luscious breadth and depth and is a big wine that could continue to age. *Northwest Wine Summit (gold)*. (1,220 cases, 13.5% alc.)

Double Gold

Kiona Vineyards Winery 2007 Reserve Dry Riesling, Red Mountain One reason that the wine-drinking public is sometimes reticent to enjoy Riesling is because of its reputation for being sweet. Wines like this will dispel that myth, however. It opens with aromas of tangerines, dusty gravel and apricots, followed by gorgeous flavors of minerals, apples, lemongrass and pears. Pair this with pasta in a light cream sauce, oysters or lemon chicken. *Wine Press Northwest (Outstanding)*. (472 cases, 13% alc.)

Kiona Vineyards Winery 2006 Ice Wine, Yakima Valley For years, Chenin Blanc was the dominant grape in the Kiona ice wine. However, in recent vintages that mix has changed to Riesling (73%) and Chenin Blanc. Regardless, it's a delicious wine that is lighter and often more refreshing than ice wines from north of the border. This opens with aromas of honey, baked apples and cinnamon, followed by flavors of lush fruit including ripe pears and apples. *Los Angeles International Wine Competition (gold)*. (1,500 cases, 9% alc.)

Kiona Vineyards Winery 2007 Chenin Blanc, Columbia Valley The Williams family has crafted a Chenin Blanc for many years, even when the variety has enjoyed a less-than-stellar reputation with the American public. That dedication pays off annually, and this off-dry Chenin is a delicious example of the variety. It is loaded with aromas and flavors of limes, ripe pears, sweet pears and peaches. *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (gold)*. (2,021 cases, 12% alc.)

Kiona Vineyards Winery 2005 Lemberger, Red Mountain Long known as "Washington's Zinfandel," this rare Austrian variety has been grown for decades in the Yakima Valley (which includes Red Mountain). The Williams family has been dedicated to Lemberger for the past quarter century and consistently makes some of the best. This easy-drinking red offers aromas and flavors of lingonberries, black raspberries and cherries. It's a smooth, delicious wine. *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (double gold/best of class)*. (5,100 cases, 13.5% alc.)

Gold

2003 Cab/Merlot
2003 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain
2003 Estate Reserve Syrah, Red Mountain
2007 Washington Riesling

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.