

Kiona Vineyards and Winery

RED MOUNTAIN AVA



2012

COLUMBIA VALLEY

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

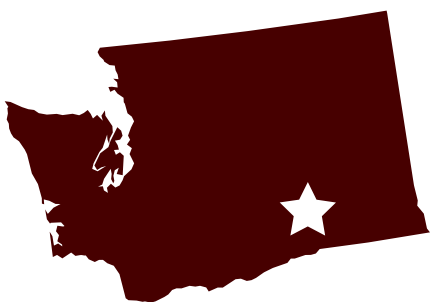
Although designated as Columbia Valley AVA on the label, this 2012 Merlot is in fact 100% Estate Red Mountain fruit from the Kiona Estate vineyard. A significant portion of the Merlot planted here is fan-trained, a rarity for the area. We used this method in all of our plantings in the 1970's, and these old vines produce incredible fruit.

WINE PROFILE

Merlot from our area is more tannic and robust than most, resulting in deeply nuanced wine that can stand toe-to-toe with Cabernet Sauvignon in terms of character 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 fruit flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 vintage was an exemplary year on Red Mountain. Lots of heat units ensured full ripening, with the wines showcasing ripe, round fruit characteristic and incredible balance.



STATISTICS

APPELLATION // Columbia Valley, Washington

VINEYARD SOURCES // 100% Kiona Estate

VINEYARD BLOCKS PLANTED // 1976, 1992, 1995

VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 100% Merlot

BARREL TREATMENT // 27 mos, 90% 2nd-fill, 65% F/35% A

CASE PRODUCTION // 365 cases, 12x750 mL, bottled 2/2015

ALCOHOL // 13.8%

TA // 0.586

pH // 3.71

Farm and family for three generations. Discover more at kionawine.com.