



# 2017 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN LEMBERGER

#### 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

Kiona Vineyards and Winery produced the first commercial bottling of Lemberger in the United States in 1980. Since then, our original 1.8 acre planting has grown to 13.1 acres. Lemberger is typically grown in cooler regions; Red Mountain is a blast furnace by comparison, which means ours is stouter and darker than most.

## WINE PROFILE

For more than four decades Lemberger has been an important part of our family's tradition on Red Mountain. The grape thrives here, producing medium-bodied, fruit-driven wines that pair well with a wide array of foods. It's an uncommon grape that's worthy of attention.

## VINTAGE NOTES

Heat accumulation in 2017 tracked slightly lower than the extreme highs during 2016 and 2015, and a wet spring resulted in higher overall precipitation when viewed from an annual perspective. The long, warm summer was prototypical for the area, resulting in delightful wines with strong varietal typicity.

### STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCES // 95% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain 5% Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 95% Lemberger, 5% Carmenère CASE PRODUCTION // 865 cases, 12 x 750 mL, Btl'd Aug. 2019 pH // 3.89 TA // 4.88 g/L ALCOHOL // 14.2%

## "This just might be a pretty damned good place to grow wine grapes." - JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.

