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“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 Malbec 2017 Red Mountain, Washington State, USA

14.5% alcohol. Kiona have just 2.5 hectares of Malbec, and they’ve used it to make a ripe, seductive wine with sweet, rounded black cherry and blackberry fruit, with a silky texture and notes of vanilla, spice and chocolate. It’s very supple and smooth with nice floral aromatics. Such a crowd-pleaser of a wine.

90/100

-Jamie Goode, August 2020