

Hiona

2019 COLUMBIA VALLEY ESTATES CUVÉE

COLUMBIA VALLEY ORIGINALS

We're not Kiona Cellars. We're not Kiona Winery. We are Kiona Vineyards. That's an important distinction for us to make, because we grow grapes. For our own winery and for more than 60 others. Kiona Vineyards comprises several estate sites, all with their own distinct traits and tendencies. They are the essence of our family's forty-year tradition.

VINEYARD PROFILE

Estates Cuvée is a blend from all five of our estate vineyards. Each site contributes to the wine in a special way, resulting in a declassified estate-grown wine that is uniquely representative of Washington state. We sold our vineyards in the Columbia Valley in 2019 to purchase Red Mountain's Artz Vineyard, meaning this is the first version of Estates Cuvée to be 100% Red Mountain sourced. In a world of contrived red wine blends with obfuscated sourcing, Estates Cuvée stands apart as a breath of fresh air.

WINE PROFILE

Cabernet Sauvignon takes the driver's seat in the 2019 version of Estates Cuvée, and for good reason; it's delicious, we have it planted everywhere, and our region is famous for it. Blended to be the perfect glass pour for that corner bistro you really enjoy, we employed a gentle-but lengthy-oak regimen to let the fruit shine.

SPECIFICATIONS

ESTATE VINEYARD COMPOSITION //

43% Kiona Estate 28% Artz Vineyard 11% Heart of the Hill 9% Ranch at the End of the Road 9% Sunset Bench

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 7% Lemberger, 4% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

ACCOLADES FOR 2019 VINTAGE //

91 - James Suckling

JJ SAYS //

"It's the Mr. Roger's of Kiona's neighborhood: serious but approachable. Sweater vest not included."

VITICULTURIST //

Scott Williams

WINEMAKING TEAM //

Tyler Williams, Mellissa Whitaker, Junior Flores, Jorge Mejia, Stephanie Santos, Ismael Aguilar

WINEMAKING //

100% hand-picked into macrobins. Mechanically and optically sorted into 1.5 ton open-top stainless fermenters. Combination of twice-daily manual punchdowns and punchovers. 5% new French, 2% new American, remainder neutral. ~42 month elevage.

VINTAGE NOTES //

The 2019 vintage on Red Mountain was similar to years prior, with heat accumulation coming in approximately 4% lower than 2018. Clear skies and a predictable summer resulted in a "by-the-book" ripening period. A relatively early frost created a bit of a crunch towards the end of the vintage.

pH // 3.84 TA // 4.9 g/L GLU+FRU // 0.57 g/L VA // 0.27 g/L ALC. // 14.3% VEGAN // Yes