

Kiona

2019 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN 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 together on our farm to grow exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of our Red Mountain estates.

VINEYARD PROFILE

The Kiona Estate vineyard is the oldest on Red Mountain. We have 4 distinct blocks of Merlot here; the first was planted in 1976, the youngest in 1995. While these components obviously have much more in common than not, they continue to surprise us even after several decades of experience. All four blocks are included in the 2019 blend, along with components from three other estate sites on Red Mountain.

WINE PROFILE

Merlot from Red Mountain is special; here it's a powerful yet elegant grape, capable of producing wines of profound depth and density of character. A gentle oak regimen that employs primarily 2nd and 3rd-fill barrels ensures abundant fruit and geographical specificity are preserved in the finished wine. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Carmenère components provide layering, depth, and additional complexity.

SPECIFICATIONS

ESTATE VINEYARD COMPOSITION //

66% Kiona Estate
23% Artz Vineyard
9% Heart of the Hill
2% Ranch at the End of the Road

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

85% Merlot
9% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Petit Verdot
2% Carmenère

CASE PRODUCTION //

1,091 12 x 750 mL cases

WORLD CLASS IN LIGHTER GLASS //

Finished product case weight 34.5 lbs

ACCOLADES FOR PRIOR VINTAGES //

91 - James Suckling (2018)
92 - Wine & Spirits (2016)

VITICULTURIST //

Scott Williams

WINEMAKING TEAM //

Tyler Williams, Mellissa Whitaker, Junior Flores

WINEMAKING //

Artz Merlot hand-picked into Macrobins 9/26 & 9/28. Kiona Merlot hand-picked into Macrobins 10/10. Mechanically and optically sorted into 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Mixture of twice daily punchdowns and pumpovers. 100% ML all components. ~ 10% of Merlot volume fermented in Clay Amphora. ~ 40% new oak equivalent - 24% new French, 5% new American, 2% new Hungarian, the balance in mostly 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

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 // 3.7 TA // 5.33 g/L GLU + FRU // 0.14 g/L VA // 0.4 g/L ALC. // 13.5%



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