Kiona

RED MOUNTAIN
NYX III

Nyx III is our Mourvèdre (pronounced mohr-ved-dra) dominant blend. We love this under-appreciated grape (known as Monastrell in Spain), and it grows particularly well on Red Mountain at our Heart of the Hill estate vineyard. We purchase a small amount of Grenache for this wine (and Cyclops) from Red Heaven vineyard, which is located across Antinori Road from our own Heart of the Hill.

Wines in our Mythology Series are often blended vertically, and Nyx III is no exception. This approach results in flavor profiles that would be otherwise impossible. It's good to think of this iteration as a 2019 wine with a 15% 2018 component in the blend; its inclusion provides more maturity, layering, and depth than what we could achieve using solely 2019 material on its own.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //
100% Red Mountain AVA, 76% Estate Grown
VINEYARD SOURCES AND COMPOSITION //
68% Estate Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre, 24% Red Heaven Grenache, 8% Estate Ranch at the End of the Road Syrah
BOTTLING INFORMATION // Bottled Sept 3rd 2021, 303.33 12 x 750 mL cases
WINEMAKING // Mechanically and optically sorted hand-picked fruit, twice daily punch-downs in open-top 1.5 ton fermenters. 43% new oak equivalent.
MYTHOLOGY // In Homer's Illiad, Nyx ("All-Subduing Night") is the only entity that Zeus fears. She is Goddess of the Night, considered to be among the first deities to ever exist. There is some disagreement as to her absolute age; in some Greek texts, Nyx appears as the first principle, even before Chaos. In others, she is the second, having emerged from Chaos. Either way, she's a bad-ass, often depicted with dangerous animals and celestial bodies.