

2012 Estate Red Mountain Reserve

The world's finest wines are all a reflection of the areas from which they are grown. Origin and geography matter most when dictating what a finished bottle tastes like. More than winemakers, more than varietals, more than yeast or barrel or blending variables; wines taste like their vineyards.

I would posit that any Cabernet Sauvignon grown on Red Mountain has more in common with a Merlot grown on Red Mountain than a Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Napa or Bordeaux.

With that in mind (and because we are extremely well-positioned to build such a wine) we have put together a geographically designated flagship product. This is the definitive wine of our vineyards, of our viticulture, of our plantings on Red Mountain.

Freed from the constraints of blending a varietally-designated reserve-tier wine (a Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, for example, must be at least 85% Cabernet Sauvignon) we were able to pluck our favorite individual barrels from the stellar 2012 vintage for use in this blend.

As is the case with the Red Mountain AVA in general, Cabernet Sauvignon's influence here is paramount. Clone 2 and Clone 8 variants from our Heart of the Hill vineyard contribute opulent, powerful, velvety tannins and structure along with tremendous dark fruit.

Old-vine Merlot from our Kiona Estate vineyard is incredibly aromatic, and complements Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon very well, matching it toe-to-toe in depth of character and structure. Traditional blending-mates Malbec, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc all round out the wine.

This wine represents a paradigm shift at Kiona Vineyards and Winery. The 2012 vintage was our 37th on Red Mountain, and this wine distills all that we have learned into a single bottle.

- JJ Williams



Appellation/Designation

Red Mountain/Estate Bottled Reserve

Vineyard Sources

80% Heart of the Hill - Red Mountain
20% Kiona Estate - Red Mountain

Varietal Composition

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
10% Petit Verdot
10% Malbec
5% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Treatment

80% New, 60% French, 18 months, M+ Toast

Case Production

500 12 x 750 mL cases, bottled 7/9/2014

Alcohol by Volume

14.5%