

2012 Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain is considered by many to be some of the most distinctive in the world.

Even though it is labelled as Washington State, our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is made with 100% Estate Red Mountain fruit. We've grown Cabernet Sauvignon on Red Mountain longer than anyone, and this wine is a culmination of our three-decades long tradition.

That's not to say we aren't also influenced by new technology and industry trends. Some of the Cabernet Sauvignon from our relatively young Heart of the Hill vineyard is a Clone 2 variant that produces deep, dark, brooding wines with unparalleled intensity. It has shifted the style of the wine considerably darker and deeper than year's past.

Merlot brings finesse and fantastic floral aromatics to the blend. Malbec grown at our Heart of the Hill vineyard has a very strong blue fruit characteristic, a quality that perseveres in this wine despite only constituting 2% of the blend.

The Cabernet Franc addition brings great aromas, balance, and mouthfeel. We grow only a few acres of the varietal at the Kiona Estate vineyard exclusively for blending with Cabernet Sauvignon, as we have found that they complement each other very well.

The new-for-us Petit Verdot component offers stiff tannins and incredible color, especially from our Heart of the Hill vineyard. One taste of this wine from the barrel will turn a tongue purple for hours. I call it the "black hole" wine because of its deep color and complexity, and we enjoy blending with it immensely.

Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon is our "giant killer." It showcases the very best of our winery, vineyards, and appellation, and I believe it to be a world-class offering.

- JJ Williams

Kiona

VINEYARDS

2012
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WASHINGTON STATE

ALC. BY VOLUME 14.5%

Appellation

Washington State

Vineyard Sources

83% Kiona Estate - Red Mountain, WA
17% Heart of the Hill - Red Mountain, WA

Varietal Composition

87% Cabernet Sauvignon (77% Kiona, 10% Heart)
5% Petit Verdot (Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain)
4% Merlot (Kiona Estate, Red Mountain)
2% Cabernet Franc (Kiona Estate, Red Mountain)
2% Malbec (Heart of the Hill, Red Mountain)

Barrel Treatment

12 mo, 80 French/20 Amrcn, 60 new/40 once-filled, M+

Case Production

2,000 cases, 12 x 750 mL

Technical Data

Ph - 3.77
TA - 0.713
Alcohol - 14.5%