

# Kiona

## 2018 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN HEART OF THE HILL CARMENÈRE

Kiona saw our first Carmenère planting go in at the Heart of the Hill estate vineyard in 2008. The 4.8-acre block quickly gained a cult following among winemakers looking to produce an appealing varietal wine slightly off the beaten path. This 2018 bottling represents only the 2nd ever Carmenère release under our label (the first coming from the 2012 vintage).

Carmenère owes its modern renaissance to the Chilean wine industry, which (accidentally) rescued it from oblivion and turned it into a compelling headliner for those looking for alternatives to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Red Mountain provides an ideal ripening environment for Carmenère, which, if not allowed to ripen fully, can have a polarizing pyrazine profile, coming off as green or vegetal. High-end versions (both domestically and imported) tend to mitigate this tendency to produce an exotic, compelling, and fascinating bottle of wine.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //

100% Red Mountain AVA, 100% Estate Grown and Bottled

### ESTATE VINEYARDS //

100% Heart of the Hill

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

87% Carmenère, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon

**WINEMAKING** // Optical sorting, open-top fermenters, 2x daily punchdowns,

45% new oak equivalent, 100% free-run juice

**BOTTLING INFORMATION** // Bottled 03/2022, 196 12 x 750 mL cases

pH // 3.78    TA // 5.4 g/L    VA // 0.74 g/L

GLU + FRU // 0.16 g/L    ALC // 15%

