

Kiona

2018
ESTATE BOTTLED RED MOUNTAIN
RANCH AT THE END OF THE ROAD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Kiona Vineyards and Winery encompasses five Red Mountain sites totaling 270+ estate acres. Starting in 2015 we embarked on the goal of releasing a top-tier, vineyard-designated wine from each vineyard. Having already featured Kiona Estate and Heart of the Hill in previous Vineyard-Series releases, Ranch at the End of the Road joins the fray for the first time with this 2018 bottling.

Most Red Mountain-appellated wines already have an extraordinary degree of geographical specificity since the entire AVA is only 4,040 acres. Even so, site-specific, vineyard-designated wines hold a lot of intrigue. Ranch at the End of the Road sits more than 300' higher than Kiona Estate at its highest point, despite its relative proximity (~1.3 miles). The Cabernet Sauvignon block featured in this wine holds several distinctions: it's Kiona's youngest planting (2016), the highest in elevation, and the only planted off-axis.

The wine includes a small Heart of the Hill component (5% Petit Verdot); its inclusion continually impressed us in our double-blind blending process. Still, the net result is quintessential "Ranch," and the goal is to make the best wine possible within any blending constraint.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //

100% Red Mountain AVA, 95% Ranch at the End of the Road, 5% Heart of the Hill

VARITEAL COMPOSITION //

92.5% Cabernet Sauvignon (RR), 5% Petit Verdot (HH), 2.5% Zinfandel (RR)

BOTTLING // Bottled Dec. 2021, 261 12x750 mL cases. Finished case weight: 34.5 lbs.

WINEMAKING // Optical sorting, open top ferments, ~60% new oak equiv.

pH // 3.79 **TA //** 5.6 g/L **ALCOHOL //** 15.5% **GLU + FRU //** 0.45 g/L

