

# *Kiona* 2021 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN LEMBERGER

Kiona Vineyards and Winery produced the first commercial bottling of Lemberger in the United States in 1980. Since then, our original 1.8 acre planting has grown to 13.1 acres at the Kiona Estate vineyard. Lemberger is typically found in cooler regions; Red Mountain is a blast furnace by comparison, which results in a riper, rounder profile not found in cooler areas.

An intrinsically drinkable Red Mountain classic over the last 40+ vintages, Kiona Estate Lemberger revels in its unorthodoxy. This compelling, medium-bodied, fruit-forward bottling pairs easily with food, offering a rewarding break from the mundane. An extremely gentle neutral oak élevage for the 2021 version translates to minimal oak influence, allowing the fruit to shine.

This wine enjoys cult-status among wine cognoscenti - it's Red Mountain's worst-kept secret. We're the style-maker for this Lemberger in the western hemisphere, a responsibility we'll embrace for decades to come.

## **GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //**

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

## **ESTATE VINEYARDS //**

100% Kiona Estate

## **VARIETAL COMPOSITION //**

97% Lemberger, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**WINEMAKING //** Mechanically and optically sorted into 4,000 gallon steel fermenters, gentle pumpovers. 100% ML. 1.4% of blend concrete-fermented Lemberger. Kiona Estate North Block Cabernet Sauvignon used as topping wine.

**BOTTLING INFORMATION //** Bottled June 2023, 3,571 12 x 750 mL cases

**pH //** 3.8    **TA //** 4.8 g/L    **GLU + FRU //** 0.27 g/L    **ALC. //** 14%    **VEGAN**

