

# Kiona

## 2021 PINOT NOIR - LEMBERGER

We often get asked, "Why don't you grow Pinot Noir?"

It's a good question with a pragmatic answer: it's hot enough here on Red Mountain that it wouldn't survive.

Our neighbors to the south, however, do Pinot Noir quite well. Very well, in fact. Oregon's Willamette Valley stands at the apex in terms of renown, critical acclaim, and commercial success for domestically-produced Pinot. Chief among the many sub-regions in the greater Willamette sits the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, an area just west of Salem that produces outstanding wines.

With that in mind, we traded some estate-grown Red Mountain Cabernet Franc and Malbec with the fine folks at Björnson Estate. This ton-for-ton swap enabled both wineries to experiment with cultivars not typically found in our estate-grown repertoire.

We've postulated for years that our Kiona Estate Lemberger grape would be a fine match with quality Pinot Noir, and figured this was as good a time as any to find out. The results stunned us, working better than we could have dreamed.

### VINEYARD SOURCING AND COMPOSITION //

75% Björnson Vineyard Pinot Noir (Pommard and 777), Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Oregon

24% Kiona Estate Vineyard Lemberger, Red Mountain AVA, Washington

1% Kiona Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain AVA, Washington

**WINEMAKING** // Optical sorting, free run juice barreled down for 18 months, 43% New French

**CASE PRODUCTION** // 246.66 cases, 12/375 mL, Bottled April 2023

**pH** // 3.68 **TA** // 5.0 g/L **VA** // 0.55 g/L **RS** // 0.29 g/L **VEGAN** // Yes **ALC.** // 13.7%

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