



# ARTZ

Fred Artz joined the Red Mountain community when he started working for Patricia and David Gelles of Klipsun Vineyard in 1984, just two years after its 1982 planting. Under his care and attention as vineyard manager, Klipsun quickly gained a reputation for quality on the world wine scene, having been named one of the "Top 25 Vineyards in the World" by Wine & Spirits magazine and often named as one of Washington's "First Growth" vineyards in wine circles.

In the mid-1990s Fred had the inkling to plant his own vineyard at a site immediately north of Klipsun. Artz Vineyard was born.

Planted predominately to Bordeaux cultivars, Fred's eponymous vineyard has, in the intervening years, developed a cult following amongst high-end producers in the Pacific Northwest. At the time of his passing in 2015, Fred had significantly impacted not only Red Mountain but the entire wine industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Kiona purchased the site in 2019, making it the first estate vineyard we had not planted ourselves. Artz Vineyard shares many similarities to Kiona Estate, although it has more direct exposure to the wind that whips up the valley, resulting in intense flavor concentration and opaque coloration.

Several small producers use the Artz Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon for high-end, Red Mountain AVA designated whites, a rarity for the region.

**VITICULTURIST** // Scott Williams

**FARMING TEAM** // Jose Mejia, Jesse Mariscal, Junior Flores, Francisco Mejia, Josefina Mejia, Pedro Mejia

**FIRST ESTABLISHED** // 1997

**ACRES UNDER VINE** // 23.6

**CULTIVARS** // Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Franc, Semillon, Syrah, Viognier

**TRELLISING** // 91.1% Fan trained, 5.9% Head Trained, 3% Cordon

**WATER SOURCE** // KID Red Mountain System, Yakima River source

**IRRIGATION** // Drip      **SPACING** // 8 x 5'

**SOIL TYPE** // 99.1% Warden silt loam, 0.5% Hezel loamy fine sand, 0.4% Kiona very stony silt loam

**MIN. ELEVATION** // 626'    **MAX. ELEVATION** // 687'    **AVG. ELEVATION** // 652'

**COVER CROPS** // Crested wheatgrass, Naturally-occurring vegetation

**RED MOUNTAIN AVA SOLAR RADIATION APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2021** // 4,314 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>

**RED MOUNTAIN AVA TOTAL PRECIPITATION APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2021** // 1.56"

**AVERAGE TRACTOR PASSES PER ROW PER YEAR** // 7

**AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE (2021)** // 5.16 tons

