



## ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN BIG KIONA

The triumphant return! Many long-time Kiona enthusiasts are familiar with Big Kiona Zinfandel, a pariah Kiona wine we produced for more than a decade starting in the late 1990s. It was aptly named; we picked the Zinfandel super late and fermented the wine into a high-alcohol Port-Esque offering with a slight residual sugar and a lot of attitude.

Following the 2011 vintage, Big Kiona went on hiatus. Kiona Vineyards has only one acre of Zinfandel planted on Red Mountain, which hampered our ability to produce the wine in ample quantities and on a regular basis. Not coincidentally, we planted Petite Sirah for the first time in 2011, and as many high-quality blends from California have shown, it's a natural complement to Zinfandel. We knew as soon as the Petite Sirah went into the dirt at Heart of the Hill that we wanted to try it out in a new revamped version of Big Kiona.

Making wine is a slow process. It takes time for new vines to come online, and longer still to produce wine. This Big Kiona release represents several vintages of R&D. When we brought back Big Kiona, it needed to be exciting and fresh while still maintaining that magical profile that garnered so many fans nearly a decade ago.

**AVA** // 100% Red Mountain AVA

**VINEYARD SOURCES** // 58% Ranch at the End of the Road, 42% Heart of the Hill

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** // 58% Zinfandel, 42% Petite Sirah

**WINEMAKING** // Optical sorting, small lot whole-berry twice-daily punchdowns

**CASE PRODUCTION** // 1,016 12x750mL cases

