



SUNSET BENCH

The Emorys are a 30+ year, multi-generational Red Mountain family. Having seen the success of viticulture in the region, they ripped out their apricot orchard and planted a Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard in the early 2000s. For a while, Kiona shared farming expertise and purchased all the fruit.

We formalized our relationship with the Emory family in 2018 by agreeing to a mutually beneficial long-term lease with a profit-sharing component. With that understanding came a branding update and the ability to graft most of the Emory Syrah plantings to Malbec to meet unfulfilled demand.

With that 2018 graft, our newly-christened Sunset Bench vineyard became our most significant source for Malbec, now the 5th most planted cultivar at Kiona (12.1 total acres). The higher-elevation site, nestled just south of Hightower and Tapteil vineyards, is ideal for Malbec. The wines have intense coloration and concentration, with a blue fruit propensity.

VITICULTURIST & FARM MANAGER // Scott Williams & Javier Ponce

FARMING TEAM // Jose Mejia, Jesse Mariscal, Junior Flores, Magdalena Aguilar, Adan Aguilar

FIRST ESTABLISHED // 2004

OWNERSHIP // Land owned by Emory family, Kiona leases w/profit sharing agreement

ACRES UNDER VINE // 12.7

CULTIVARS // Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon (8), Syrah

CUTTINGS // Malbec grafted over Syrah spring of 2018, originally planted 2004.

WATER // 714' well, ~60 GPM, 100% drip irrigation

TRELLISING // 100% Bi-Lateral Cordon

SOIL TYPE // 66.1% Scootene silt loam, 33.9% Warden silt loam

MIN. ELEVATION // 726.1' **MAX. ELEVATION** // 802.6' **AVG. ELEVATION** // 766.3'

COVER CROP // Naturally occurring

RED MOUNTAIN AVA SOLAR RADIATION APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2021 // 4,314 MJ/m²

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) // 3.816 tons

SUSTAINABLE WA CERTIFIED AS OF // 2022 vintage

