



KIONA VINEYARD & KLIPSUN VINEYARD
2013 MERLOT
RED MOUNTAIN

Varietal Composition:	100% Merlot
Appellation:	Red Mountain
Bottled:	July 21, 2015
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.8% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.82 g/L; pH: 3.66
Cases Produced:	401
Production & Aging:	Aged 19 months in new French Oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage warmed up quickly creating warmer soil temperatures which resulted in early sap flow and bud burst, ahead of the normal averages. Warmer temperatures well through the season allowed shoot length to surge ahead and flowering to begin early, which is typically a week to ten days in Washington. This even flowering cycle was evident in cluster maturation across the vineyard, resulting in more uniform flavors in each block. Due to the favorable conditions, less fruit was dropped during veraison which resulted in slightly increased crop yields. It was a hot and even season from beginning to end.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning Kiona Vineyard (60%) and the award-winning Klipsun Vineyard (40%) in Washington State's Red Mountain AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This single vineyard lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected to craft this wine, no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. This wine was then aged in French oak barrels for 19 months. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees to enhance mouthfeel and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Appealing aromas of raspberry, cocoa powder, and chocolate covered cherries, with firm tannins and chased by a lasting finish of cedar, cherry, and graphite.

AWARDS

Gold; 2016 INDY International Wine Competition



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year
INDY International, 2013