



# 2016 COLUMBIA VALLEY ESTATES CUVÉE

## RED MOUNTAIN ORIGINALS

In 1975 our family planted the first vineyard on Red Mountain, an area now known for producing some of the world's most powerful, opulent wines of distinction. For three generations we've worked side by side, hand in hand to craft exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of Red Mountain and the Columbia Valley.

### VINEYARD PROFILE

Estates Cuvée is a blend from all of our estate vineyards. Each site contributes to the wine in a special way, resulting in an estate-grown wine that is uniquely representative of Washington state. The Columbia Valley components bring acid, fruit, and drinkability, while the Red Mountain additions contribute depth, structure, and color.

## WINE PROFILE

This nuanced, multi-faceted, Cabernet-dominant food-pairing superstar shows that Columbia Valley wines pack a serious punch at every price point. Declassified family-grown estate fruit from the Pacific Northwest's premier AVAs in an approachable, balanced, textured, and crowd-pleasing blend? Yes, please.

# VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage started early, with temperatures in the triple digits in May. The summer was pretty typical; lots of ripening ability and absent of precipitation. Although harvest started early, temperatures cooled nicely in late summer, extending harvest and allowing for great flavor development.

# STATISTICS

#### VINEAYRD SOURCES //

Kiona Estate (RM), Heart of the Hill (RM), Vista (CV), Nine Canyon (CV), Sunset Bench (RM), Ranch at the End of the Road (RM)

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 6% Merlot, 3% Sangiovese CASE PRODUCTION // 7,600 12 x 750 mL pH // 3.8 TA // 5.55 g/L ALCOHOL // 13.9%

"This just might be a pretty damned good place to grow wine grapes."

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.