

2019 Old Vines Merlot

Our Old Vines Merlot is sourced from some of the oldest vines on Red Mountain and is done in tribute to the General Electric engineers turned visionary founders of the growing region that we call home, Jim Holmes of Ciel du Cheval and John Williams, of Kiona. This wine is very elegant and restrained for a Red Mountain wine although had loads of complexity and structure similar to an Old World right-bank Bordeaux. "This is what Merlot can be" as Charlie says "it's a beautiful expression of 45 year old vines which is very rare in Washington." On the aroma we get crushed flowers, wet gravel, and pomegranate. The palate is full of red fruit, Bing cherry, and has a great mouthwatering freshness. Drink now through 2035.

BLEND

100% Merlot

VINEYARDS

1970's plantings

75% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, 25% Kiona Estate Vineyard

AGING

22 months

25% New French Oak

WOOD FERMENTATION

63% 500L Roller Barrels

ALCOHOL

14.0%

PRODUCTION

196 cases



faithful, loyal, true