## 2016 OLD VINES MERLOT

In the 2015 vintage, Charlie was lucky enough to access the "Old Block" in Kiona Vineyard: vines that were planted in 1975 by the Williams family. Paying tribute to the founders of Red Mountain, he blended this Merlot with vines of the same age, planted across the street (or, dirt road at the time) by Jim Holmes at Ciel du Cheval Vineyard. Now in its second vintage, we continue to admire the intensity and depth that comes from Old Vines fruit. Less fruit driven than most Red Mountain wines, we find an Old World characteristic that showcases notes of dusty earth, dried fruit tones, and a hint of cocoa. Drink now through 2027.

**BLEND** 100% Merlot

## VINEYARD

67% Kiona Estate Vineyard 33% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard

## AGING

67% New French Oak 33% New American Oak

WOOD FERMENTATION 67% 2 Ton Open Top Oak Tank 33% 500L Roller Barrel

**ALCOHOL** 14.8%

## PRODUCTION 142 cases



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