

## 2019 Red Mountain Merlot

"It's no secret that I love Merlot," says Charlie. "And Red Mountain is one of the best places in the world for it to reach its full potential." This 100% varietal is sourced from older blocks at Kiona and Tapteil on Red Mountain, as well as newer plantings from Quintessence and Red Heaven. "We love blending single varietals, especially for a wine like Merlot, which can vary so much based on the age of the vineyard," explains Will. "In the newer plantings, you get bright, red, juicy fruit characteristics. With the mature vines, you get earthy, spicy, and tobacco flavors with more elegant tannins." By combining them all, this results in an extremely well-balanced wine that pairs perfectly with all sorts of cuisine.

**BLEND** 

100% Merlot

**VINEYARDS** 

41% Tapteil Vineyard, 30% Quintessence Vineyard,

15% Red Heaven Vineyard, 14% Kiona Estate Vineyard

**WOOD FERMENTATION** 

20% 2 Ton Open Top Tank

15% 40hL Oak Tank

15% 500L Upright Barrels

**ALCOHOL** 

14.6%

**PRODUCTION** 

490 cases



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