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HANDPICKED HANDSORTED HANDMADE

**2006 Red Mountain
Red Wine
Washington State**

- 78% Cabernet Sauvignon (34% from 1975 Planting at Kiona Vineyard, 44% Shaw Vineyard)
- 22% Merlot (11% Artz Vineyards, 11% Red Mountain Vineyards)

This wine, which is our 4th release of a Red Mountain appellation wine, is 100% from Red Mountain grapes. In 2006 one of our Red Mountain vineyards had a very low yield. Scott Williams of Kiona Winery, very generously offered us a couple of tons from the oldest (and first) planting on Red Mountain. We think the age of the Kiona grapes adds interesting nuances to the wine. Although it has the typical Red Mountain mineralness on the nose and good structure, it has the mellowness and palate of a well aged wine.

The grapes for this wine were handpicked and handsorted to ensure that only the best grapes were used. We fermented the fruit in small open-top containers no taller than they are wide to extract greater flavor and color by having more juice in contact with the grape skins. After gently pressing the wine from the skins the wine aged in small oak barrels for twenty months. During barrel aging we gravity raked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in the spring of 2008.

We produced 234 cases