

# Board Meeting Minutes May 11th, 2023

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1. Call to Order 9:04 am \*Quorum Present

### 2. Attendance -

- a. Directors: Kristin Adams, Stephanie Cohen, Jason Gorski, Cameron James, Maggie Hedges, Richard Holmes, Will Hoppes \*arrived at 9:06 am, Teresa Owen \*arrived at 9:08 am, Karla Riccobuono
- b. Members & Sponsors: Wendy McCartney, Guardian Cellars; Amy Johnson, Muret-Gaston
- c. Guests: Kayt Mathers and Cassondra Bird, Play Nice Public Relations

### 3. Operational Reports

- a. Financial Kristin gave a financial report and noted that a column was added to the report to show the percentage of the budget used. She noted that one area that is over budget is mileage for Alicia due to the mileage rate increasing.
- b. Digital Will reported that Instagram and Facebook are seeing growth in followers due to increased activity and that the Social Media calendar has been very effective and helpful.

### 4. Ongoing Business

- a. Public Relations Kayt updated on the recent press by Tan Vinh of The Seattle Times, featuring Fidélitas' new tasting room, and reported that he said the best wines in WA are made from Red Mountain. The toolkits and assets for Taste Red Mountain will be sent out as well as a press release for the event. Kayt will share with the board the list of media attending Taste Red Mountain. Teresa stepped in for Alicia and will be interviewed by Allen Leister of KEPR in honor of National Tourism Week. Eric Guido will be coming to Red Mountain and Play Nice will be coordinating tasting with wineries of his choosing.
- b. Event Recap -

- Annual Meeting Maggie gave a brief overview of the Annual Meeting and noted that there was not a lot of other member participation.
- Taste Red Mountain Woodinville This was discussed at length at the Board Retreat and moved on from.
- Geological History of Red Mountain with Kevin Pogue It was unanimously agreed that this presentation was very valuable and interesting and that the board would like to add it as an annual event rotating between a member social for wineries and a morning event for tasting room staff.
- Board Retreat Maggie recapped the Board Retreat and noted that it was a very successful, productive meeting that spurned great conversation and a solid outlook for the next year.
- c. Taste Red Mountain Event Weekend Maggie reported that the Events Committee will be meeting with Stephanie next week for a walk-through at Col Solare to discuss parking and other various details. Alicia will be sending out a reminder to members to respond regarding who their attendees/pourers are and asking for volunteers. The board discussed putting together a volunteer package with donations from members as a thank-you.

### 5. New Business

- a. VOTE: Executive Positions <u>Richard Holmes moved that all members of the Executive Committee retain their current positions and roles, Maggie as President, Will as Vice-President, Kristin as Treasurer, and Karla as Secretary. Jason Gorski seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.</u>
- b. VOTE: Executive Director Payroll <u>Kristin Adams moved to update Alicia</u>

  <u>Brown's pay from hourly to salary, paid every two weeks continuing with Alicia tracking her hours. Maggie Hedges seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.</u>
- c. VOTE: 2024 Member Dues <u>Maggie Hedges moved to increase member dues</u> in 2024 by 10% across all categories and raise the maximum by \$500.

  Richard Holmes seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.
- d. VOTE: Sponsorship Payment Schedule <u>Kristin Adams moved to change the</u>
  <u>Sponsorship Payment Schedule to a 1-year cycle in lieu of the calendar year</u>
  <u>to accept sponsorships throughout the year. Richard Holmes seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.</u>
- e. VOTE: Payment Schedules for Members Maggie Hedges moved to allow members to be considered in good standing with an initial payment in January and then be given the next five months until June to be allowed to make payments on their dues if totaled over \$1000 or more beginning 2024. Kristin Adams seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.
- 6. Questions/Comments none
- 7. Adjourn at 9:32 am

# The next meeting of the Red Mountain AVA Alliance will be held on **Thursday**.

# June 15, 2023 at 9:00am at Hedges Family Estate

# **Upcoming Events:**

June 8: Member Social, 5pm-7pm at TBD

June 10/11: Taste Red Mountain event weekend

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November 30: Member Social, 5pm-7pm at TBD

December 7: Westside Member Social, 5pm-7pm at Obelisco Estate Winery



# May 2023 Board Packet

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# Board Meeting Agenda May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 1. Call to Order Maggie Hedges, President
- 2. Attendance & Introductions Maggie
  - a. Directors: Kristin Adams, Stephanie Cohen, Jason Gorski, Cameron James, Maggie Hedges, Richard Holmes, Will Hoppes, Teresa Owen, Karla Riccobuono
  - b. Staff: Alicia Brown
  - c. Members & Sponsors
  - d. Guests: Kayt Mathers and Cassondra Bird, Play Nice Public Relations
- 3. Operational Reports
  - a. Financial Kristin
  - b. Digital Alicia
- 4. Ongoing Business
  - a. Public Relations Kayt
  - b. Event Recap Alicia
    - Annual Meeting
    - Taste Red Mountain Woodinville
    - Geological History of Red Mountain with Kevin Pogue
    - Board Retreat
  - c. Taste Red Mountain Event Weekend Alicia
- 5. New Business
  - a. VOTE: Executive Positions Alicia
  - b. VOTE: Executive Director Payroll Kristin
  - c. VOTE: 2024 Member Dues Alicia
  - d. VOTE: Sponsorship Payment Schedule Alicia
- 6. Questions/Comments
- 7. Adjourn

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# Access to Zoom Meeting

Topic: RMAVAA Board of Directors Meeting - May

Time: May 11, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

# Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84884293478

Meeting ID: 848 8429 3478

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Meeting ID: 848 8429 3478

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcQaZzHXh2

# Red Mountain AVA Alliance

# Monthly Financial Report - April 2023

# INCOME

| ANNUAL DUES   | F          | 2023 ANNUAL<br>PROPOSED BUDGET  |                 | 2023 ANNUAL<br>ACTUALS                                | % of<br>budget |
|---|------------|---|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Membership Dues   | - 5        | \$ 68,050.00  | \$              | 65,225.00   | 96%            |
| Sponsorship Dues  | Ş          | \$ 8,600.00   | \$              | 8,300.00  | 97%            |
| TOTAL ANNUAL  | DUES \$    | 76,650.00   | \$              | 73,525.00   | 96%            |
|   |            | ,   |                 | ı   |                |
|   |            | 2023 ANNUAL   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL   |                |
| EVENT INCOME  | _ <u>F</u> | PROPOSED BUDGET   |                 | ACTUALS   |                |
| Taste Red Mountain Woodinville  | Ş          | \$ 9,375.00   | \$              | 9,320.00  | 99%            |
| Taste Red Mtn Woodinville - Member Fees   | <u> </u>   | \$ 2,600.00   | \$              | 2,330.00  | 90%            |
| Taste Red Mountain (RM)   | Ç          | \$ 11,800.00  |                 |   | 0%             |
| TOTAL EVENT INC   | OME \$     | 23,775.00   | \$              | 11,650.00   | 49%            |
|   |            |   |                 |   |                |
|   |            | 2023 ANNUAL   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL   |                |
|   |            |   |                 |   |                |
| UNCATEGORIZED INCOME  | F          | PROPOSED BUDGET   |                 | ACTUALS   |                |
| UNCATEGORIZED INCOME Misc. Income   | <u></u>    | PROPOSED BUDGET<br>\$ -   |                 | ACTUALS   |                |
|   | _ <u>F</u> | \$ -<br>\$ -  | \$              | ACTUALS 27.29   |                |
| Misc. Income  | <u>:</u>   | \$ -<br>\$ -  | \$<br><b>\$</b> |   |                |
| Misc. Income<br>Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market                       | <u>:</u>   | \$ -<br>\$ -<br><b>\$</b>   | т               | 27.29<br><b>27.29</b>                                 |                |
| Misc. Income<br>Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market                       | COME       | \$ -<br>\$ -<br>\$ -<br>2023 ANNUAL                                     | т               | 27.29<br>27.29<br>2023 ANNUAL                         |                |
| Misc. Income Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market TOTAL UNCATEGORIZED INC  | COME :     | \$ -<br>\$ -<br>\$ -<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>PROPOSED BUDGET                  | \$              | 27.29<br>27.29<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>ACTUALS              |                |
| Misc. Income<br>Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market                       | COME :     | \$ -<br>\$ -<br>\$ -<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>PROPOSED BUDGET                  | \$              | 27.29<br>27.29<br>2023 ANNUAL                         | 85%            |
| Misc. Income Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market TOTAL UNCATEGORIZED INC  | COME :     | \$ -<br>\$ -<br>\$ -<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>PROPOSED BUDGET<br>\$ 100,425.00 | \$              | 27.29<br>27.29<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>ACTUALS<br>85,202.29 | 85%            |
| Misc. Income Interest-Savings, Short-term Money Market  TOTAL UNCATEGORIZED INC | COME :     | \$ -<br>\$ -<br>\$ -<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>PROPOSED BUDGET                  | \$              | 27.29<br>27.29<br>2023 ANNUAL<br>ACTUALS              | 85%            |

|  | 20   | 23 ANNUAL   | 2023 ANNUAL     |     |
|--|------|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION                    | PROP | OSED BUDGET | ACTUALS         |     |
| AVA Maps (printing & design)                 | \$   | 1,750.00    | \$<br>1,690.67  | 97% |
| Content Creation                             | \$   | 200.00      |                 | 0%  |
| PR Contract                                  | \$   | 22,500.00   | \$<br>5,000.00  | 22% |
| Media Tours & Advertising Campaign           | \$   | 14,000.00   | \$<br>6,350.64  | 45% |
| Print Advertising                            |      |             | \$<br>250.00    |     |
| Misc. Media Tour Expenses from 2022          |      |             | \$<br>5,641.21  |     |
| Misc. Digital Advertising Expenses from 2022 |      |             | \$<br>459.43    |     |
| TOTAL ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION              | \$   | 38,450.00   | \$<br>19,391.95 | 50% |

|   | 2023 ANNUAL |            | 2023 ANNUAL |           |      |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| EVENTS  | PROPO       | SED BUDGET |             | ACTUALS   |      |
| Taste Red Mountain (west side)  | \$          | 11,552.50  | \$          | 11,338.41 | 98%  |
| Venue   | \$          | 2,750.00   | \$          | 3,660.60  | 133% |
| Parking   | \$          | 1,150.00   | \$          | 594.00    | 52%  |
| Food  | \$          | 4,000.00   | \$          | 3,735.11  | 93%  |
| Wine Glasses  | \$          | 487.50     |             |           | 0%   |
| Rentals   | \$          | 605.00     | \$          | 1,802.92  | 298% |
| Entertainment (Musician)  | \$          | 500.00     |             |           | 0%   |
| Printed Materials   | \$          | 100.00     |             |           | 0%   |
| Permits   | \$          | 760.00     | \$          | 300.00    | 39%  |
| Misc. Expenses  | \$          | 1,200.00   | \$          | 1,245.78  | 104% |
| Taste Red Mountain (RM)   | \$          | 7,410.00   | \$          | -         | \$ - |
| Food  | \$          | 1,500.00   |             |           |      |
| Wine Glasses  | \$          | 650.00     |             |           |      |
| Rentals   | \$          | 2,400.00   |             |           |      |
| Entertainment (Musician)  | \$          | 1          |             |           |      |
| Printed Materials   | \$          | 750.00     |             |           |      |
| Permits   | \$          | 60.00      |             |           |      |
| Photography   | \$          | 450.00     |             |           |      |
| Guided Hike   | \$          | 300.00     |             |           | ·    |
| Misc. Expenses (ice, signage, flowers, balloons, dump buckets, dry cleaning | \$          | 1,300.00   |             |           |      |

| EVENTS, Cont.   | PR              | 2023 ANNUAL<br>OPOSED BUDGET |          | 2023 ANNUAL<br>ACTUALS |                  |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| Geology Presentation                                      | \$              | 600.00                       | \$       | 643.57                 | 107%             |
| Kevin Pogue fee   | \$              | 500.00                       | \$       | 500.00                 | 100%             |
| Rentals (chairs, screen, bathrooms)                       | \$              | 100.00                       | \$       | 143.57                 | 144%             |
| Taste Washington  | \$              | 1,280.00                     | \$       | 1,402.15               | 110%             |
| Alliance Booth Cost                                       | \$              | 500.00                       | \$       | 375.00                 | 75%              |
| Lodging   | \$              | 352.00                       | \$       | 535.06                 | 152%             |
| Food & Beverage   | \$              | 158.00                       | \$       | 175.07                 | 111%             |
| Mileage   | \$              | 270.00                       | \$       | 317.02                 | 117%             |
| Board Retreat   | \$              | 900.00                       |          |                        | 0%               |
| Annual Meeting  | \$              | 150.00                       | \$       | -                      | 0%               |
| TOTAL EVENT   | EXPENSE \$      | 21,892.50                    | \$       | 13,384.13              | 61%              |
|   |                 | ı                            |          | ı                      |                  |
|   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
| PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT                                   | PR              | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                |                  |
| Table Runners   | \$              | 200.00                       |          |                        |                  |
| Member Socials  | \$              | 1,250.00                     |          |                        |                  |
| Sponsor Giveback  | \$              | 25.00                        |          |                        |                  |
| TOTAL PARTNER. DEVEL.                                     | EXPENSE \$      | 1,475.00                     | \$       | -                      | \$ -             |
|   |                 | ı                            |          | ı                      |                  |
|   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
| OPERATIONS  | PR              | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                |                  |
| Accounting Fees   | \$              | 1,000.00                     | \$       | 249.16                 | 25%              |
| Business Licenses & Fees                                  | \$              | 10.00                        | \$       | 20.00                  | 200%             |
| Digital Content Systems                                   | \$              | 2,600.00                     | \$       | 1,161.40               | 45%              |
| Adobe   | \$              | 225.00                       | \$       | 85.16                  | 38%              |
| Zoom  | \$              | 200.00                       | \$       | 65.16                  | 33%              |
| Dropbox   | \$              | 435.00                       | \$       | 86.92                  | 20%              |
| Constant Contact  | \$              | 815.00                       | \$       | 289.12                 | 35%              |
| SquareSpace   | \$              | 360.00                       | \$       | 126.32                 | 35%              |
| Survey Monkey   | \$              | 525.00                       | \$       | 508.72                 | 97%              |
| TinyPNG   | \$              | 40.00                        |          |                        | 0%               |
| Dues  | \$              | 775.00                       |          |                        | 0%               |
| Washington Wine Institute                                 | \$              | 750.00                       |          |                        | 0%               |
| Benton City Revitalization Organization                   | \$              | 25.00                        |          |                        | 0%               |
| Merchant Fees, Processing Fees                            | \$              | 1,050.00                     | \$       | 639.86                 | 61%              |
| Postage, Mailing Service                                  | \$              | 260.00                       | \$       | 31.14                  | 12%              |
| Storage Unit Rent   | \$              | 650.00                       | \$       | 270.00                 | 42%              |
| Supplies<br>Local Mileage Reimbursement                   | \$              | 400.00<br>710.00             | \$<br>\$ | 176.41<br>76.18        | 44%<br>11%       |
| _   |                 |                              | _        |                        |                  |
| TOTAL OP  | ERATIONS \$     | 7,455.00                     | \$       | 2,624.15               | 35%              |
|   |                 | 2022 44141141                |          | 2022 45151141          |                  |
| OTHER TYPES OF EVRENCES                                   | DD.             | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
| OTHER TYPES OF EXPENSES  Insurance, Liability and D and O |                 | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                | 0%               |
| Land Lease for sign - Quintessence                        | <u>\$</u><br>\$ | 1,505.00                     | \$       | 564.20                 | 0%               |
| TOTAL OTHER TYPES OF                                      |                 | 1,505.00                     | \$       | 564.20                 |                  |
| TOTAL OTHER TIPES OF                                      | EXPENSES \$     | 1,303.00                     | Ģ        | 304.20                 |                  |
|   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
| SALARIES AND WAGES  | DD              | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                |                  |
| Payroll Service Fees - Gusto                              | \$              | 500.00                       | \$       | 156.52                 | 31%              |
| Taxes - Payroll   | \$              | 3,600.00                     | \$       | 2,191.87               | 61%              |
| Wages - Executive Director                                | \$              | 41,532.96                    | \$       | 12,691.45              | 31%              |
| TOTAL SALARIES AN   | D WAGES \$      | 45,632.96                    | _        | 15,039.84              | 33%              |
| TO THE SHEMILES AND                                       | D WAGES \$      | 43,032.30                    | 7        | 13,033.04              | 3370             |
|   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
|   | PR              | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                |                  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES  | \$              | 116,410.46                   | Ċ        | 51,004.27              | 44%              |
| TO THE EM LINGLY  | Ą               | 110,410.40                   | ų        | 31,004.27              | <del>17</del> /0 |
|   |                 | 2023 ANNUAL                  |          | 2023 ANNUAL            |                  |
|   | PR              | OPOSED BUDGET                |          | ACTUALS                |                  |
| NET INCOME  | \$              | (15,985.46)                  | ć        | 34,198.02              | -214%            |
| INET INCOME   | Þ               | (15,565.46)                  | Ą        | 34,196.02              | -21470           |

# Digital Report As of May 10, 2023

# **Instagram**

3,036 followers (40 new)

Goal: 3,375 total followers by Dec. 31, 2023 (339 to goal)

Reach: 1,578

# **Top Performing Post:**

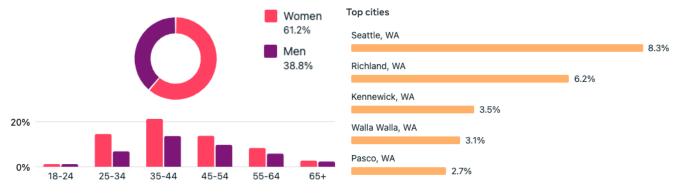


Buzzing with excitement for the 2023 vintage! - reshared from @shawvineyardswa 🐙 We can't wait to try 2023 wines from Red...

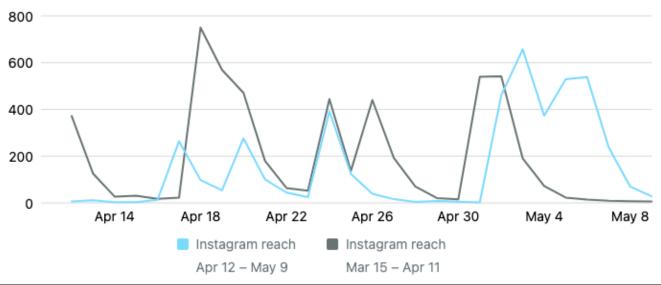
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### **Audience:**



# **Reach Over Time:**



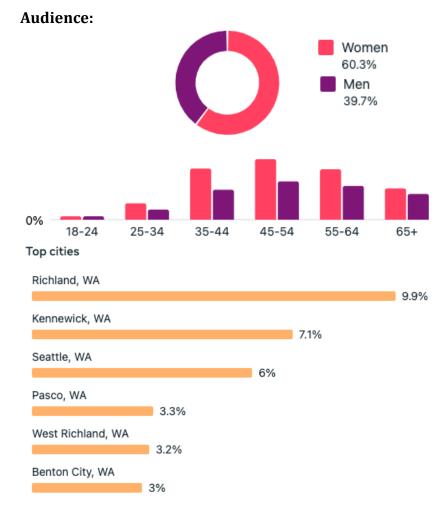
# **Facebook**

# Overview: Post reach 3,948 Post engagement New Page likes 4



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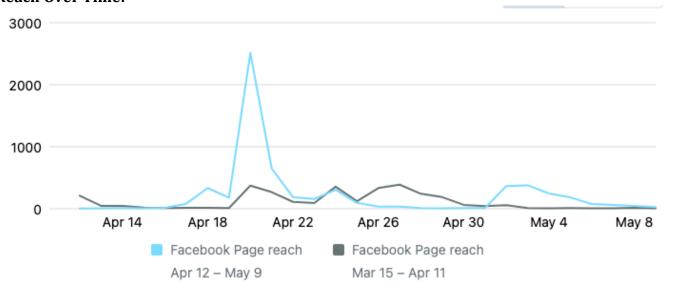
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# **Reach Over Time:**

Photo views

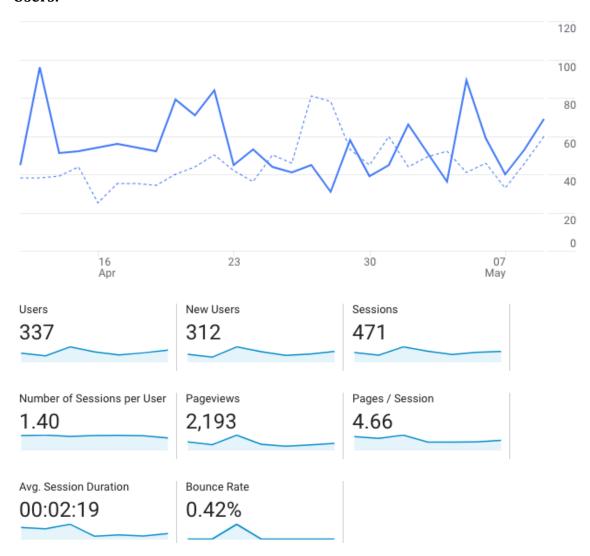
Link clicks



# **Email Contacts**: 2,059 contacts (26 new)

# redmountainava.com

**Users:** 



# **Audience**



| City          | Users | % Users        |
|---------------|-------|----------------|
| 1. Seattle    | 73    | 18.72%         |
| 2. (not set)  | 21    | 5.38%          |
| 3. Richland   | 15    | 3.85%          |
| 4. Kennewick  | 7     | 1.79%          |
| 5. Phoenix    | 5     | 1.28%          |
| 6. San Jose   | 5     | 1.28%          |
| 7. New York   | 5     | 1.28%          |
| 8. Bellevue   | 5     | 1.28%          |
| 9. Bellingham | 4     | 1.03%          |
| 10. Spokane   | 4     | 1.03%<br>Pg. 7 |



# **Public Relations Updates: May 2023**

Link to ongoing Coverage Spreadsheet

# **Recent press**

- Klipsun and Col Solare featured in Robb Report list, <u>9 Outstanding Red Wines</u> <u>From Washington State to Buy Right</u> Now
- Kiona (and Red Mountain's history) feature in Decanter by Shana Clarke: <u>Kiona Vineyards: Foundation and future</u> <u>on Washington's Red Mountain</u>

### **Taste Red Mountain**

- Woodinville
  - Feedback from Tan Vinh
- On the Mountain
  - Toolkit + assets
  - Calendar + media outreach
  - Press release

### Vinous Reviewer on Red Mountain

- Coordinating two days in the AVA with Washington reviewer Eric Guido
- Scheduling + tech sheet transposing

## Decanter

# Kiona Vineyards: Foundation and future on Washington's Red Mountain

Kiona Vineyards, the family-owned and operated winery which founded Washington State's Red Mountain AVA more than 50 years ago, is focused on the future under third generation brothers JJ and Tyler Williams.





Kiona Vineyards' founders were the first to see the potential of Washington State's Red

S Exclusive Highlights Tastings Home

Kiona Vineyards is the pioneering winery of Washington State's Red Mountain AVA, today in the hands of the third-generation – brothers JJ and Tyler Williams.

The siblings' grandfather, John Williams, bought land on the mountain 51 years ago, in 1972, with the first 4ha vineyard planted in 1975.

With Tyler taking over as winemaker from his father Scott in 2019, and older brother JJ having worked on the business side since 2009, Kiona now has more than 113ha, growing grapes for 60 wineries, as well as making its own estate

The Lake Missoula floods more than 10,000 years ago formed the slope that Red Mountain. The repeated flooding created an overlay of nutrient-rich deposits on top of sandy, gravelly soils.

Its southwest exposure provides long hours of sunlight, while significant diurnal shifts in temperature allow for gradual, slow ripening and good acid retention in the grapes.

Before there were wineries, or even vineyards, there was just sagebrush and native grasses here. Strong winds circulate air and reduce disease pressure while minimising the risk of frost damage during winter. Red Mountain has a primarily desert climate, with an average of 18cm of rain annually.

John Williams and his friend Jim Holmes saw an opportunity on this barren slope. Based on studies from the Washington State University's Horticultural Extension Program in the late 1960s that showed its viticultural viability, the two began grooming land for a vineyard in 1972.



arvest time on Washington State's Red Mountain. Credit: Kiona Vineyards

First, they created the infrastructure to support a vineyard, which meant drilling for water and establishing electricity. Paved roads came later, John's son Scott Williams (JJ and Tyler's father) recalls coming home from school to pull the sagebrush out, one by one, using a chain and tractor.

In 1975, with aha cleared, they planted their first vines. At the time, the market favoured Chardonnay and Riesling, which they split evenly along with Cabernet Sauvignon. These days Cabernet Sauvignon is the dominant variety on Red Mountain, along with other Bordeaux and Rhône grapes.



# Taste Red Mountain Promotional Toolkit June 9 & 10, 2023

### **Event details:**

What: Taste Red Mountain event weekend

When: Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10; Grand Tasting on Saturday, June 10 from 3 to 5

pm

Who: Vineyards of the Red Mountain AVA and wineries producing Red Mountain AVA

designate wines

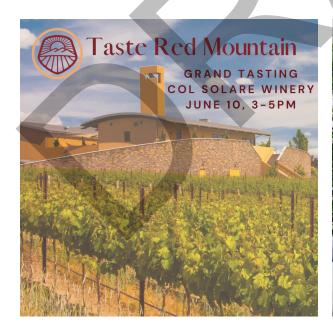
Where: Red Mountain

**Event Link:** 

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-tickets-6316 33812737

# Visual assets:

Click the graphics below to download. More images can be found in the Dropbox folder <u>HERE</u>.









### Sample Caption #1

Join us June 9 & 10 for a weekend full of Taste Red Mountain events! With winery-hosted dinners, our Grand Tasting with 30 wineries @ColSolare, a morning yoga class with vineyard views, or a hike through our gorgeous wine region, you'll get to know Red Mountain like never before.

Visit the link in our bio to purchase your tickets and experience the incomparable wines of Red Mountain on the mountain

Taste Red Mountain events are limited to those 21 years of age and older.

# Sample Caption #2

TASTE RED MOUNTAIN Join us on Saturday, June 10 @ColSolare from 3 to 5 pm for the Grand Tasting, and stay for an entire weekend full of events! Experience Red Mountain like never before with winery dinners, a morning yoga class, a vineyard hike, and horse-drawn wagon rides through our gorgeous wine region.

Click the link in our bio to learn about all the events and purchase tickets!

Taste Red Mountain is 21+

### Sample Caption #3:

Write your own! Please include the following details in your post:

- Taste Red Mountain
- June 9 & 10
- Grand Tasting at Col Solare, June 10 from 3 to 5 pm
- Tickets available now
- Link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-ticket s-631633812737

# **Hashtags:**

Add as Comment on Instagram Post (or in the caption):

#WAwine #washingtonwine #redmtnava #TasteRedMtn #tricitieswa #pnwwine #redmtnava #washingtoncabernet #westcoastwine #washingtonsyrah #washingtonmalbec #washingtonwinecountry #redwine #winetourism #washingtonmerlot #smallbutmighty

**Also:** If you don't already have a hashtag, make sure to create your own and use it on every post. For example: @redmtnava has the hashtag #redmtnava

# Who to Tag in Posts:

Red Mountain AVA Alliance: @redmtnava Washington State Wine: @wa\_state\_wine

Feel free to tag other confirmed participating members, including:

Anelare: @anelarewinery
Aguilini Wines: @aguiliniwines

Barnard Griffin Winery: @barnardgriffin

Canvasback: @canvasbackwine Cascade Cellars: @cascadecellars

Col Solare: @colsolare
Côtes de Ciel: @cotesciel
DeLille Cellars: @delillecellars

Domaine Magdalena: @dmagredmtn Elk Haven Winery: @elkhavenwinery

Fidélitas: @fidelitaswines

Guardian Cellars: @guardiancellars Hamilton Cellars: @hamilton.cellars Hedges Family Estate: @hedgeswine Hightower Cellars: @hightower\_cellars

Kiona Vineyards and Winery:

@kionawine

Klipsun: @klipsunwinery

LIMINAL Wines: @liminalwines

Market Vineyards: @marketvineyards

Muret-Gaston Winery: @muretgastonwinery

Obelisco Estate: @obelisco4wine

Page Cellars: @pagecellars

Palencia Wine Company:

@palencia\_wine\_company

Red Mountain Trails Winery: @rmtwinery

Tinte Cellars: @tintecellars

Upchurch Vineyard: @upchurchvineyard

# When to post:

The best time to post is somewhat of a personal choice. You've probably noticed a time where your posts receive a lot of engagement; choose that! Otherwise, the general rule of thumb is that Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 11 am are high-engagement posting windows. Posting after 6 pm is typically discouraged.

# **Instagram posting tips:**

- Post the event on your Instagram feed:
  - Use a single overlay text image from the folder HERE, or
  - Create a carousel post on Instagram by using one or multiple images from the folder <u>HERE</u> + the one of the graphics <u>HERE</u> (recommended)
- Accompany your post with a compelling caption (sample captions above)
- Add
  - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-ticket s-631633812737 to your Link Tree or temporarily add to your Instagram bio so your followers can access tickets to the events
- Share this information on your Instagram Stories (samples found <u>HERE</u>)
  - This is especially important in the days/weeks leading up to the events

# Sharing on Facebook:

The Red Mountain AVA Alliance has published a public Facebook event with all participating wineries added as co-hosts. Please accept the invitation to co-host the event and it will be automatically added to your events calendar on Facebook. This will help increase the reach of the event by notifying your respective audiences.

Additionally, the Red Mountain AVA Alliance has posted event details to <u>our Facebook</u> <u>page</u>; please reshare posts and/or use the sample copy found below to share with your followers.

### **Sample Caption:**

Join us June 9 & 10 for a weekend full of Taste Red Mountain events!

With winery-hosted dinners, a Saturday Grand Tasting, a morning yoga class, a vineyard hike, and horse-drawn wagon rides through our gorgeous wine region, you'll get to know Red Mountain like never before.

30 wineries will pour for Taste Red Mountain's Grand Tasting event on Saturday from 3 to 5 pm at @Col Solare Winery. We'll see you there!

Visit the link to purchase tickets:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-tickets-6316 33812737

Taste Red Mountain events are limited to those 21 years of age and older.

# **Sharing in your newsletter:**

Be sure to mention the event to your wine club and other email contacts! Sample copy to include in newsletters and/or email is found below.

Newsletter/Email Sample Copy

Taste Red Mountain is a weekend full of events in June. With winery-hosted dinners, a Saturday Grand Tasting, a morning yoga class, a vineyard hike, and horse-drawn wagon rides through our gorgeous wine region, you'll get to know Red Mountain like never before.

The Grand Tasting will feature 30 wineries at Col Solare on Saturday, June 10 from 3 to 5 pm. Red Mountain wineries will pour current and library releases, featuring Bordeaux blends and varietal wines, paired with small bites.

Visit the link to read about the weekend's events and purchase your ticket: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-tickets-6316">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-red-mountain-grand-tasting-other-events-tickets-6316</a> 33812737

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