Kiona Vineyards and Winery is the founding vineyard and winery of Red Mountain AVA in Benton City, Washington. For three generations and over 40 years Kiona has been family owned and operated. Producing around 35,000 cases a year and growing unique and prized varietals Kiona has made a sizeable impact on Washington State's Wine Industry. Within the past few years Kiona has been recognized with numerous awards to include Vineyard of the Year, Winery of the Year and Honorary Grower.

During this internship I was responsible for calculating yeast and nutrient adds. I also measured brix and temperatures daily through primary fermentation. I also performed punch downs and pump overs twice daily and recorded appropriate data with each extraction. Pressing and separation of press fraction was another portion of this internship as well as barreling and measurements for sulfur dioxide levels, microbial growth and other factors to ensure successful fermentation. Other tasks included cleaning, moving fermentation bins and inoculation for secondary fermentation. Racking and putting to rest is another task that will completed on Friday December 13th, 2019.

Working production in a winery has been a completely new and informative experience for me. I am very grounded in my passion for the Vineyard and growing aspect of the wine industry. Being able to experience winemaking in a supportive, fun environment was wholly educational and helped me expand my understanding of the entire process.