

# Crazy Mary

2010

## Mourvedre

### The 2010 Vintage

2010 can be summed up with one word: cool. Very similar to 1999 a late bud break was followed a very cool summer. Warmer weather finally began in August and early September. Picking dates were up to two weeks later than the previous year. Rain presented challenges in late September and then again throughout October. Winemakers and vineyard managers had to decide whether they should pick early and try and limit rot damage or roll the dice, add hang time and sugar, and hope to avoid significant loss due to rot. The wines produced are a combination of beautiful aromatics, profound elegance and wonderful balance.

### Winemakers Notes

The 2010 Crazy Mary Mourvedre is a blend of Ciel du Cheval Vineyard and Klipsun Vineyard, both on Red Mountain. The grapes were hand harvested. Each lot was fermented using commercial yeast and fermented for 15 days. Both lots were individually handled and gently pressed into French Burgundy puncheon barrels, of which 55% were new. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The 2010 Crazy Mary Mourvedre was racked twice prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Saddle leather, red meat, tar, hot stones and crushed black pepper are wrapped in layers of black currants, dark plums, sweet herbs and licorice. The palate is luscious, filled with balanced oak flavors or vanilla, chocolate and smoke. The acid adds focus and length.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 86% Mourvedre 14% Syrah  
VINEYARD SOURCES: Ciel du Cheval & Klipsun Vineyards  
APPELLATION: Red Mountain

OAK COMPOSITION: 59% New French Oak & 41% neutral French Oak (all 500L Puncheons)

BARREL PRODUCERS: Dargaud et Jaeglé, Ermitage & Saury

BARREL AGING: 16 months

CHEMISTRY: Alc. 15.1%, pH 3.79, TA 0.62 g/100ml

BOTTLING DATE: April 26th, 2012

RELEASE DATE: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Cases Produced: 170

### Mark Ryan Winery

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