

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

DEAD HORSE *Cabernet Sauvignon* | *Red Mountain* | 2014

Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided fruit for the 2014 Dead Horse. More mature sites like Ciel du Cheval, Klipsun and Red Willow provide texture, nuance and character; and younger sites like our custom plantings on Quintessence add purity, vitality and structure to our flagship program. The warm 2014 vintage allowed us to harvest all our Cabernet and Merlot in the month of September, between the 4th and 28th. As in years past, every lot was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open-top fermenters for 9 to 12 days. Every effort is made to treat the wine as gently as possible; the must is never put through pumps and gentle punch downs occur twice per day. Fermentation rounds are performed to monitor fermentation and track when the wines are ready to be lightly pressed to barrel, where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and is aged for 22 months. The wine was aged in 71% new French oak for 21 months and was racked twice prior to being bottled on June 13th, 2016.

Tasting Notes

"Tasted out of barrel, the rich, full-bodied 2014 Dead Horse Ciel du Cheval Vineyard sports an inky purple color as well as flat out great notes of ripe black fruits, licorice, graphite and tobacco leaf. Based largely on Cabernet, it will have two decades of longevity."

(93-95) Points, Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

"The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike Macmorran continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys."

– Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

71% New 22mm French
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

1,670 Cases

RELEASE

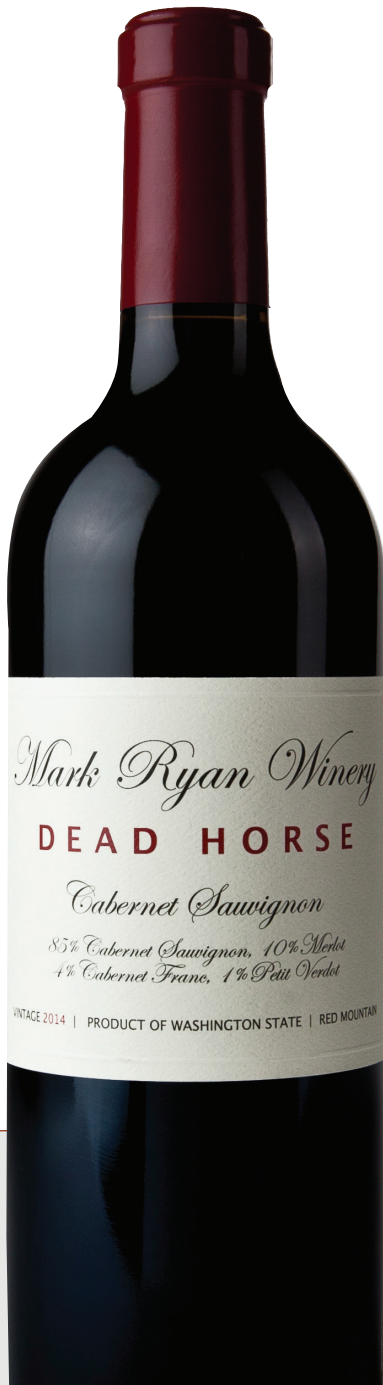
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APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Klipsun
Obelisco
Quintessence



Founded in 1999 by Mark Ryan McNeilly, **MARK RYAN WINERY** is a small winery located in Woodinville, Washington. Our goal is to produce handcrafted wines that represent the vineyard from which they come, the character of the varietal, and our style. From the vineyards to the winery, our uncompromising commitment to quality and our passion to produce the best wines possible, inspire us to make these wines for you.

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