

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## DEAD HORSE Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2015

### Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided fruit for the 2015 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 2015 vintage was similar to the 2014 vintage in that it allowed us to harvest all our Cabernet and Merlot in the month of September, between the 7th and 30th. 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 84% new French oak for 22 months and was racked twice prior to being bottled on June 29th, 2017.

### Tasting Notes

#### (92-94) Points

"One of the larger cuvees produced by this team is the 2015 Dead Horse, and there's 2,200 cases produced in 2015. Made from primarily Cabernet Sauvignon (8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot) that's brought up in 84% new French oak, it's classic Red Mountain all the way with its ripe red and black currant fruits, dusty earth, minerality, graphite and savory aromas and flavors. Big, rich, unctuous and textured, it has plenty of tannin and is going to benefit from short term cellaring."

Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

### BLEND

88% Cabernet Sauvignon  
8% Merlot  
3% Cabernet Franc  
1% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

84% New 22mm French  
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 22 months

### PRODUCTION

2,200 Cases

### RELEASE

October 7, 2017

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence  
Ciel du Cheval  
Klipsun  
Obelisco



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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