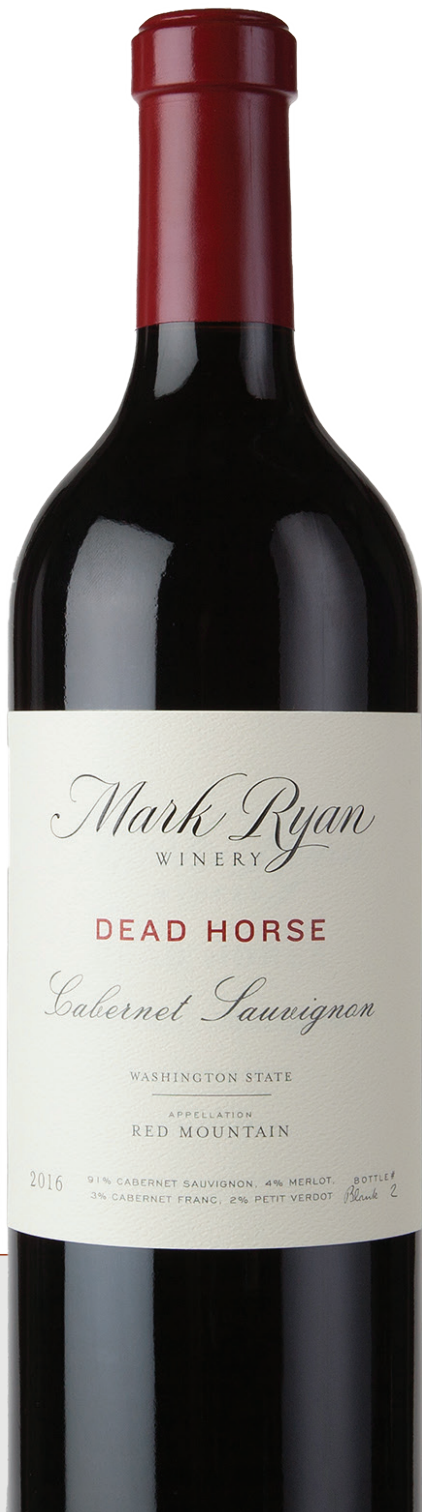


# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## DEAD HORSE *Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2016*



### *Winemaking Notes*

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided fruit for the 2016 Dead Horse. The mature sites of Ciel du Cheval, Klipsun and Red Willow provide texture, nuance and character. Younger sites like our custom plantings at Quintessence add purity, vitality and structure to our flagship program. The warm 2016 vintage was similar to the 2015 vintage in that it allowed us to harvest all of our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in the month of September. The wine was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 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. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel, where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and is aged for 21 months in 74% new French oak. The wine was racked twice prior to being bottled on June 24th, 2018.

### *Tasting Notes*

The 2016 Dead Horse is a classic representation of Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. A subtle crossing of bramble and eucalyptus accompany the initial impression. The mid-palate morphs from a rich mouthfeel of compote and vanilla to a showing of graphite and slate that are carried through to the clinging finish by life giving acidity. One to enjoy now and revisit over many years!

### BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Merlot  
3% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

74% New 22mm French  
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

### PRODUCTION

2,500 Cases

### RELEASE

October 5, 2018

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval  
Klipsun  
Obelisco  
Quintessence  
Red Willow

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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