

The Dissident

2010

Red Wine

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

Like previous vintages of The Dissident, this blended red wine is hand-harvested, fermented in small lots and aged in 100% French Oak for 16 months. 47% of the barrels were new and 53% second fill & neutral. The Dissident Red's vineyards are made up of younger blocks from both established and emerging sites on Red Mountain and in the greater Columbia Valley.

Tasting Notes

The 2010 Dissident offers aromas of Bing cherry, savory roasted game meat, cedar and subtle black pepper. The palate is focused, displaying generous notes of redcurrant mingling with black cherry and spice. The finish is remarkably elegant, showcasing focused, balanced acidity and fine, polished tannins.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah, 22% Merlot,
7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD SOURCES: Ciel du Cheval, Klipsun, Kiona, & Obileco Vineyards

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

OAK COMPOSITION: 47% New French Oak & 53% second fill & neutral French Oak

BARREL PRODUCERS: Le Grand, Ermitage & Saury

BARREL AGING: 18 months

CHEMISTRY: Alc. 14.6%, pH 3.60, TA .62 g/100ml

BOTTLING DATE: April 12th, 2012

RELEASE DATE: May 25th, 2012

CASES PRODUCED: 1821

Mark Ryan Winery

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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