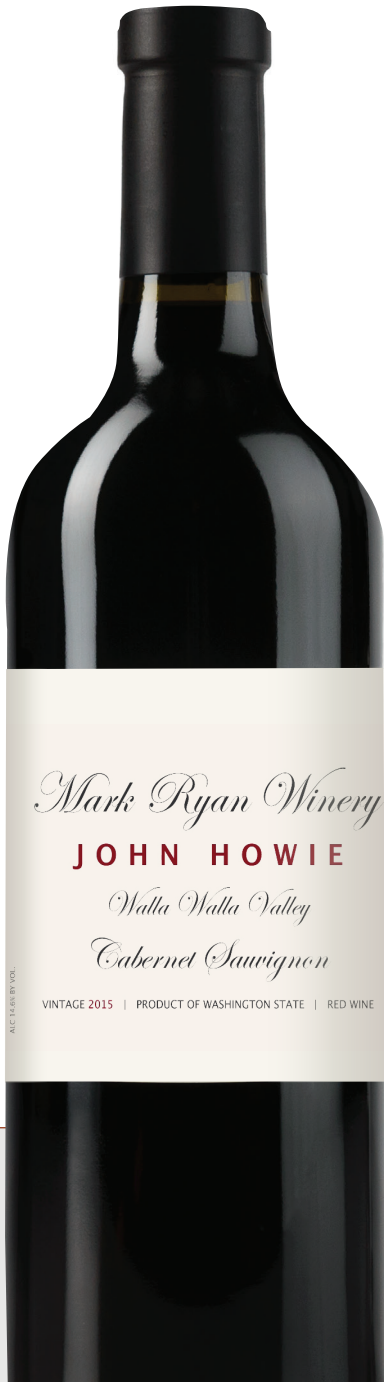


# Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

## JOHN HOWIE

*Cabernet Sauvignon | Walla Walla Valley | 2015*



### *Vineyard*

90% Summit View Vineyard

The vineyard is trained to Vertical Shoot Position system, at 1300 plants per acre. Everything is planted on self-rooted nursery stock, but to multiple clones on the different varieties. Heat units for the site average 3000-3300 units annually and precipitation averages 6-8" annually. Grape harvest begins in mid-September with Merlot and the balance of the varieties follow in late September to early October. All fruit is hand-harvested at crop levels targeting 3.0 to 3.5 tons per acre.

10% Phinny Hill Vineyard

Vines flourish at the stellar estate grown site under grower Dick Beightol's care. On the western side of the Horse Heaven Hills, Phinny Hill Vineyard sits at the top of a sun-drenched hill with rare cobble-filled soils, air drainage, generous heat and a view down on Champoux Vineyard and out towards the Columbia River.

### *2015 Vintage*

The overwhelming factor in 2015 in Washington was heat. No one would disagree. If 2013 and '14 could be described as 'hot' and 'hotter,' then 2015 would no doubt be described as 'hottest.' 2015 was Washington's warmest vintage to date, with above average temperatures across the Columbia Valley throughout the growing season. While the ever-warm Red Mountain accumulated over 3,900 Growing Degree Days, even cooler regions like the Yakima Valley saw over 3,150. Overall, the Columbia Valley averaged 3,157 GDDs, compared to a long-term average of 2,628 – a sizable difference. The warm temperatures led to advancement of all markers of the growing season, with bud break, bloom, and harvest occurring two to three weeks ahead of historical averages. Harvest began historically early, with some wineries bringing in fruit in mid-August – a prospect that would be unheard of in most years.

### BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon  
20% Merlot

### BARREL

40% new oak (50% American, 50% French),  
40% Neutral 2nd fill  
French oak, 20% neutral

### PRODUCTION

12 Barrels / 300 Cases

### RELEASE

March 10, 2017

### APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

### VINEYARDS

Summit View Vineyard,  
Walla Walla

Phinny Hill Vineyard,  
Horse Heaven Hills

### ALCOHOL

14.6%

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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