

Long Haul

Red Wine

The 2012 Vintage

2012 was a very consistent vintage. Weather in early spring and summer presented ideal growing conditions.

The weather remained excellent through August and October allowing us to pick the grapes at optimum maturity without the threat of inclement weather. The wines produced offer an exceptional combination of primary fruit and secondary non-fruit aromatics coupled with exquisite depth and focus on the palate. 2012 provides an outstanding opportunity to sample Washington state wine at its finest.

Winemaker's Notes

Long Haul explores Washington's contribution to the classic combination of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The 2012 Long Haul is a testament to a beautiful vintage and the incredible work done in vineyards. Each lot was fermented separately in 1.5-ton fermenters from between 12 and 18 days. Then the wines were gently pressed to barrel where malolactic fermentation was completed. The wine was racked only twice prior to bottling and is unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Long Haul features more Cabernet Franc than any previous vintage, and the wine benefits greatly by the varietal's larger contribution. More than any other wine in our portfolio, the Long Haul balances the broad-shouldered masculinity of its Red Mountain origins with the plush textures and nuanced character possible in Washington State. Deeply complex, the wine opens with fresh crushed currant and blackberry and broadens with cigar-scented cedar, slate and chocolate. The flavors of the wine are revealed in layers with spice-poached black cherry, hints rocky mineral and vanilla. The acidity and tannin work together in remarkable fashion to provide length to the finish and superior aging potential.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 49% Merlot,

44% Cabernet Franc 6% Cabernet Sauvignon & 1% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD SOURCES: Klipsun, Ciel du Cheval, Red Willow, Force Majeure

APPELLATION: Red Mountain

OAK COMPOSITION: 64% New French Oak

NEW BARREL PRODUCERS: Château Ferré Thin Stave

BARREL AGING: 20 months

CHEMISTRY: Alc. 15%, pH 3.61, TA 0.64 g/100ml

BOTTLING DATE: June 4th, 2014

RELEASE DATE: October 4th, 2014

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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