

Mark Ryan

WINERY



LUCIA ROSE

Petit Verdot | Columbia Valley | 2015

Winemaking Notes

Every year our goal at Mark Ryan is to create a wine unlike any other offered in the Mark Ryan portfolio, whether it is a traditional Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, or simply an outstanding lot from one of our premiere vineyards. This year we chose to go big with a 100% Petit Verdot. To create the 2015 Lucia Rose we selected from our finest blocks of Petit Verdot. Ciel du Cheval provides deep, dark and rich black and blue fruits. Olsen lends balance and freshness, with complex, savory non-fruit aromas and flavors. The addition of Quintessence offers rich blueberry flavors and Red Willow presents classic savory spice. Each block was hand harvested beginning late in September and finishing the first week of October. Fermentation took place in 2 ton open top fermenters and lasted between 10 to 12 days. Fermentation rounds are done twice daily to track the progress of the fermentation and alert the winemaking team as to when the wine is ready to be pressed. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is punched down twice a day. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation. Aged in 56% new French oak for 22 months the wine was racked only twice prior to bottling on June 24th 2017.

Tasting Notes (93-95) Points

"The 2015 Lucia Rose is, like the 2014, 100% Petit Verdot that's still aging in just over 50% new French oak barrels. This deep purple, almost blue colored beauty gives up loads of black plum, crushed violets, mint and hints of spring flowers as well as a full-bodied, concentrated, yet focused and straight style on the palate. This is a big, rich wine that's going to age beautifully, yet even today, the tannin are ripe and silky, it's impeccably balanced and incredibly easy drinking."

Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

100% Petit Verdot

BARREL

56% New 22mm French
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 22 months

PRODUCTION

215 Cases

RELEASE

November 18, 2017

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Quintessence
Ciel du Cheval
Red Willow
Olsen

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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