



The 2011 Vintage

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. Those that gambled were rewarded. The wines produced are a combination of beautiful aromatics, profound elegance and wonderful balance. Texturally superior, the 2011 Vintage from Mark Ryan is peerless in its purity, balance and freshness.

Tasting Notes

The 2011 vintage Long Haul is a standout in a year that has produced our best lineup of wines to date. Dark ruby in color and showcasing carefully achieved clarity, this wine might best characterize the singularity of Red Mountain terroir. Balancing the site's muscularity is the fresh red cherry and fleshy plum dusted in baking spices. Aromas of rose petals and violets deepen with a swirl of the glass. On the palate the wine offers rich, velvety texture and sumptuous black fruits with perfectly balanced structure. The tannins are ripe and soft, giving length to finish with fresh acidity.

BLEND

76% Merlot
13% Cabernet Franc
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

65% New French Oak
35% Second Fill French Oak

PRODUCTION

1,000 Cases

RELEASE

October 5th, 2013

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Chevail
Klipsun
Obilesco

"An estate that's getting up into the creme de la creme of Washington State producers... the wines have overall classical profiles, with bright acidity and tannin, that never lack for fruit or depth."

– Jeb Dunnuck,
The Wine Advocate

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.

92 - 94 Points (sampled in barrel)– *The Wine Advocate*, June 2013

ACCOUNT: _____ 2010 LONG HAUL CASES PURCHASED: _____

2011 LONG HAUL CASE COMMITMENT: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

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