

Mark Ryan

WINERY

OLD VINES

Cabernet Sauvignon | Columbia Valley | 2015



Winemaking Notes

The 2015 Old Vines Cabernet Sauvignon honors some of the oldest and most well-respected vineyards in the state. At the core, Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun offer powerful Red Mountain character. Red Willow brings the savory, old-world charm of the Yakima Valley. Phinny Hill rounds out the wine, displaying the force and energy of the Horse Heaven Hills. Old Vines tend to be more self-regulating in the vineyard, offering lighter crops, smaller berries and extremely concentrated aromatics and flavors. Our job in the cellar is to carefully extract these qualities without going too far and creating a wine that is unapproachable and hard. Great care is taken in the cellar to gently handle the must, which is never pumped and is punched down twice a day to create gentle extraction. Once fermentation is complete the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 78% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

(92-94) Points

"The 2015 Old Vines is a tiny, 235-case production based on Cabernet Sauvignon. Seeing just under 80% new French oak, it has a very pretty, perfumed, fresh style in its violets, blueberry, mint and bay leaf aromas and flavors. Medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated and with good acidity, it has a firm, focused style and I wouldn't open bottles for at least 3-5 years."

— Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL

78% 22mm new
French Oak
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

235 Cases

RELEASE

February 10, 2018

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Klipsun
Ciel du Cheval
Red Willow
Phinny Hill

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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