

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

OLIVIA GRACE *Syrah-Mourvèdre* | Red Mountain | 2013

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 Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend, or simply an outstanding lot from one of our premiere vineyards. This year we chose to honor the vineyard that started it all, Ciel du Cheval. Throughout 2013 we had a sense that something special was happening in one of our Syrah blocks at Ciel du Cheval. As the year progressed from bud break, to set and through véraison we kept seeing that the clone 174 Syrah block at Ciel looked amazing. The vines had produced naturally lower yields and very small berries hinting at the immense potential within each cluster. We harvested early, trying to capture the unique aromatic elements we were seeing in the grapes. The Syrah was hand harvested on September 8th, 2013 and fermented in 2 ton open top fermenters for 10 days. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in used 500L French oak barrels and 1 225L new French oak Burgundy barrel from a specific forest in France that we have found does a wonderful job accentuating the non-fruit elements of Syrah. Aged for 18 months in barrel the wine was racked twice and left unfiltered prior to bottling in April of 2015.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Olivia Grace is a deep, luscious red from the center to the edge of the glass. Cherry, violets and rose give way to fresh herb elements of thyme, mint and hints of sage. The palate begins rich with flavors of juicy red cherries and plum and is supported by layers of spice and vanilla. The finish is mouth-filling and rich with supple structure and refined acidity.

BLEND

97% Syrah
3% Mourvèdre

BARREL

31% 28mm 500L French
Puncheon
Aged for 18 months

PRODUCTION

200 Cases

RELEASE

June 13, 2015

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval

“The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike MacMorran continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys.”

– 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.



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