

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## LONG HAUL

Merlot | Columbia Valley | 2016



### *Winemaking Notes*

The 2016 Long Haul is composed primarily of Merlot from Yakima Valley's Red Willow Vineyard. With an average vine age of 25 years, and planted on ancient soils that were above the Missoula floods, Red Willow Merlot offers a savory aromatic profile and a complex depth and intensity on the palate. The warm 2016 vintage allowed us to harvest all of our Merlot in the month of September. The wine was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 days. Every effort is made to treat the wine as gently as possible. The must is never put through pumps and gentle punch downs occur twice per day. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel, where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and is aged for 21 months in 64% new French oak. The wine was raked twice prior to being bottled on June 22nd, 2018.

### *Tasting Notes*

Our 2016 Long Haul offers plum, cassis, and savory aromatic profiles on the nose that morphs into a lush entrance of black fruit, caramel, tea, and earth. Silky, velvety tannins combine with mid-palate structure and acidity that leads into a lengthy finish.

### BLEND

80% Merlot  
9% Cabernet Franc  
8% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

64% New 22mm French  
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

### PRODUCTION

1,776 cases

### RELEASE

October 5, 2018

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### VINEYARDS

Red Willow  
Ciel du Cheval  
Klipsun  
Quintessence  
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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