

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## CRAZY MARY

Mourvèdre | Red Mountain | 2017

### Winemaking Notes

The winter of 2014/15 was extremely difficult and caused significant damage throughout many of the vineyards in eastern Washington. One of the casualties of this extreme weather was our block of mourvedre at Ciel du Cheval. The vine damage was so severe that we had to stop producing mourvedre as a varietal wine while the vines recovered. Finally in 2017 the recovery was complete. Mourvedre is a varietal that we all love to work with. Its aromatic profile is similar to syrah but it contains additional elements that make the resulting wine truly unique. Mourvedre prefers the deep sandy soils offered by Ciel du Cheval. Unlike syrah, which we tend to harvest early in the growing season, mourvedre is a later ripening varietal and is often one of the last lots we pick. To protect the unique aromatic and textural profile of the wine we use thick staved 228 liter barrels for aging. The fruit was hand harvested between September 21st and October 18th 2017. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermentors for 9-12 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. Aged for 18 months in 50% new 228 liter thick staved French oak barrels, the wine was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling.

### (93-95) points Jeb Dunnuck

"From the Ciel du Cheval and Angela's Vineyard on Red Mountain, the 2017 Crazy Mary Mourvèdre was brought up in 50% new Burgundy barrels. It has lots of bloody blueberry, ground pepper, and leafy herbs notes as well as a kiss of tobacco in a deep, rounded, sexy style. It's going to be one seriously good wine."

#### BLEND

100% Mourvèdre

#### BARREL

50% 28mm French Burgundy Barrels

18 months in barrel

#### PRODUCTION

245 Cases

#### RELEASE

August 3, 2019

#### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

#### VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval  
Angela's

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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