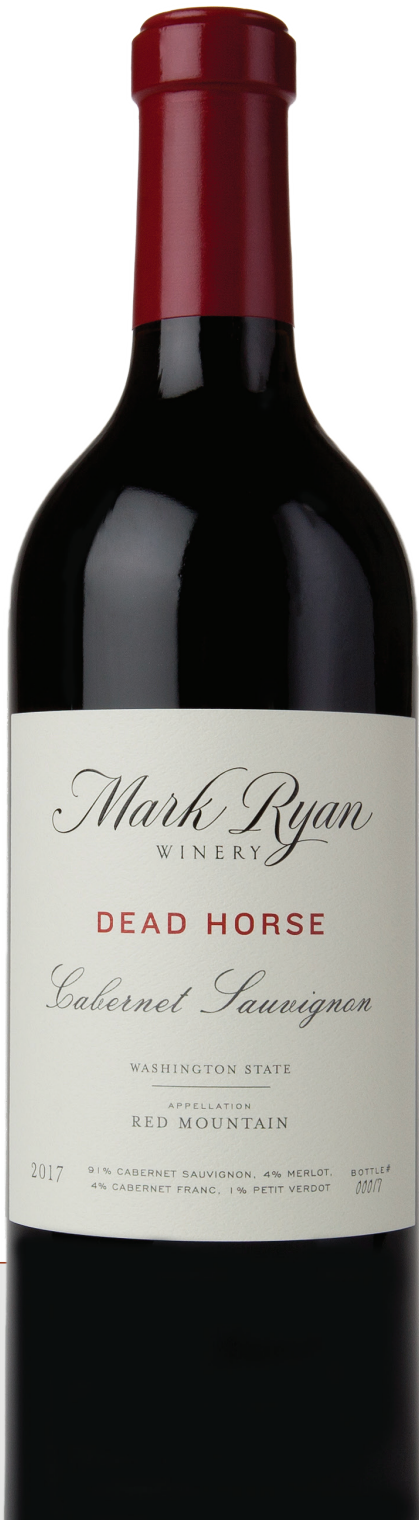


# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## DEAD HORSE *Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2017*



### *Winemaking Notes*

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided the fruit for the 2017 Dead Horse. The foundation of the blend comes from our custom plantings at Quintessence. These vineyard blocks produce exceptional fruit with incredible purity, intensity and depth. Ciel du Cheval and Red Willow vineyards round out the composition, lending additional layers of complexity and nuance. The weather in 2017 was moderate, without much of the extreme heat seen in previous years. This allowed the fruit to ripen evenly and provided the opportunity for extended hang time. 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 83% new French oak. The wine was raked twice prior to being bottled.

### **(94-96) points** *Jeb Dunnuck*

*"Always dominated by Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Dead Horse's deep, saturated purple color is followed by a textbook Cabernet nose of sweet crème de cassis, lead pencil shavings, dried earth, and hints of cigar tobacco. It's rich and full-bodied, with a beautiful texture and fine tannins."*

### BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Franc  
1% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

83% New 22mm French  
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

### PRODUCTION

1,900 Cases

### RELEASE

October 2019

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence  
Ciel du Cheval  
Red Willow  
Klipsun

### MATURITY WINDOW

2020-2032

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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