

Mark Ryan

WINERY

LONG HAUL

Merlot | Columbia Valley | 2017



Winemaking Notes

The 2017 Long Haul is composed primarily of merlot from two of our premium vineyard sites; Red Willow Vineyard in the upper Yakima Valley and Quintessence Vineyard on Red Mountain. 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. Quintessence is a relative new comer to the Washington vineyard scene with much of the vineyard planted within the last 10 years. Through exceptional vineyard management and site selection, the vineyard continues to produce world class fruit with intense dark fruit aromas and flavors with incredible power across the palate. 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 79% new French oak. The wine was racked twice prior to being bottled.

(90-92) points Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2017 Long Haul should be an outstanding wine and has an upfront, charming style that carries lots of darker berry fruits, tobacco, dried herbs, and savory earth aromas and flavors. It's medium to full-bodied, has ripe tannins, and is very much in the style of the vintage."

BLEND

84% Merlot
9% Cabernet Franc
6% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

79% New 22mm French
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

1,800 cases

RELEASE

October 2019

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Quintessence
Red Willow
Ciel du Cheval
Phinny Hill

MATURITY WINDOW

2020-2029

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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