

Mark Ryan

WINERY

WATER WITCH

Red Blend | Red Mountain | 2017

Winemaking Notes

In 2012, we partnered with Quintessence Vineyards to plant a 13.6 acre block on the south slope of Red Mountain. No expense was spared in the design and development of the site. We worked hand-in-hand with the Quintessence Vineyard team to transform the 13.6 acre site into a world-class vineyard. Through meticulous site selection, variety and clone selection, vine density and orientation, we feel we are well on our way to accomplishing this goal. This team effort culminated in the reincarnation of one of the original wines in the Mark Ryan lineup: Water Witch. After carefully selecting the top performing blocks in the 13.6 acre vineyard, we are very excited with the results. Great care is taken in the cellar to gently handle the must, which is never pumped and is punched down twice a day to create gentle extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 80% new French oak.

93-95 points, *Jeb Dunuck*

"All from the Quintessence Vineyard on Red Mountain, the 2017 Water Witch checks in as mostly Cabernet Sauvignon aging in 80% new French oak. This is from fruit that's planted and completely controlled by this team, so it's basically estate fruit. It has beautiful cassis and blackberry fruit as well as notes of bay leaf, graphite, and tobacco. Medium to full-bodied, pure, elegant, and seamless on the palate, it offers good acidity, fine tannins, and a great finish. It's seriously good Cabernet."

BLEND

66% Cabernet Sauvignon
26% Merlot
6% Cabernet Franc
2% Petit Verdot

BARREL

80% 22mm French Chateau
Ferré Thin Stave
21 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

615 Cases

RELEASE

February 8, 2020

APPELLATION

Red Mountain AVA

VINEYARDS

Quintessence

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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