

Mark Ryan

WINERY

CRAZY MARY

Mourvèdre | Red Mountain | 2018

Winemaking Notes

Mourvèdre 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 unique. Mourvèdre prefers the deep sandy soils offered by Ciel du Cheval. Unlike syrah, which we tend to harvest early in the growing season, mourvèdre 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 on October 2nd and was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 10 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 22% new 228-liter thick staved French oak barrels, the wine was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Deep aromas of blueberry and cassis mingle on the nose, leading into dark fruit flavors, slight violets, and rich earthy flavors on the palate. Lush cherry, tobacco, and leafy herbs integrate with firm tannins and a full bodied, elegant texture that provides a lasting finish

Past Accolades

2017 - (93-95) *Jeb Dunnuck, 93 Wine Enthusiast*

2014 - 93 *Wine Advocate, 93 Wine & Spirits*

2013 - 92 *Wine Enthusiast, 92 Wine Advocate*

BLEND

100% Mourvèdre

BARREL

22% 27mm French Burgundy Barrels

18 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

210 Cases

RELEASE

July 2020

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval



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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