

Wild Eyed

2010

Syrah

The 2010 Vintage

2010 can be summed up with one word: cool. Very similar to 1999 a late bud break was followed a very cool summer. Warmer weather finally began in August and early September. Picking dates were up to two weeks later than the previous year. Rain presented challenges in late September and then again throughout October. Winemakers and vineyard managers had to decide whether they should pick early and try and limit rot damage or roll the dice, add hang time and sugar, and hope to avoid significant loss due to rot. The wines produced are a combination of beautiful aromatics, profound elegance and wonderful balance.

Winemakers Notes

The 2010 Wild Eyed Syrah is a blend from two of the most prominent vineyards in the renowned Red Mountain AVA: Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun. Using a variety of commercial and native yeasts the individual syrah lots were fermented from 14-20 days. Following fermentation each lot was individually handled and gently pressed. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The 2010 Wild Eyed Syrah was racked only twice prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

The wine begins with aromas of Italian plums, redcurrants, violets and cherry blossoms. This transitions into hints of spice, slatey minerals with subtle bacon fat. Lying beneath are aromas clove and white pepper. The palate is nuanced and layered with hints of mocha and vanilla from the new French oak. This is wrapped in fine tannins and balanced by integrated acid. Like other wines from 2010, displays tremendous varietal typicity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Klipsun, Ciel du Cheval Vineyards

APPELLATION: Red Mountain

OAK COMPOSITION: 45% New French Oak & 55% Neutral

BARREL PRODUCERS: Damy, Billon, Ermitage & Saury

BARREL AGING: 16 months

CHEMISTRY: Alc. 14.9%, pH 3.75, TA 0.64 g/100ml

BOTTLING DATE: April 26th, 2012

RELEASE DATE: May 25th, 2012

Cases Produced: 268

Mark Ryan Winery

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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