

# Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

## THE DISSIDENT

Red | Columbia Valley | 2013

### Winemaking Notes

Some of Washington State's finest vineyards have provided fruit for the 2013 Dissident. Cabernet sauvignon from Ciel du Cheval, Phinny Hill and Quintessence and merlot from Klipsun and Red Willow are the foundation of this wine. The Dissident is a wine that we create to complement the Dead Horse and Long Haul. People often think that the Dissident is made up of wines that don't make the cut in the final blends of the Dead Horse and Long Haul. This couldn't be further from the truth. The same vineyards, barrels and attention to detail go into crafting the Dissident as go into every other wine in the Mark Ryan program. While the Dead Horse and Long Haul are crafted to be supremely age-able the Dissident is built to offer a more approachable wine younger in its development. The fruit was hand harvested between September 4th and October 4th 2013. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 9-12 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. Fermentation rounds are done twice daily to track the progress of the fermentation and alert the winemaking team as to when the wine is ready to be pressed. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and secondary fermentation. The wine was aged for 18 months in 58% new French oak. The wine was racked three times and gently fined prior to bottling in March of 2015.

### Tasting Notes

The 2013 Dissident shows a deep, dark and inky color profile reflecting the wine's depth and power. The aromatic profile begins with a combination of rich black cherries, clove and black currant. Secondary aromas of cedar, tobacco, cocoa powder and bay leaf complete the wine. The palate offers a rich and supple attack supported by flavors of cherry and plum with a hint of vanilla from the new French oak. The wine transitions into a powerful finish with graceful tannin and balanced acidity.

### BLEND

64% Cabernet Sauvignon  
22% Merlot  
11% Cabernet Franc  
3% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

58% 22mm French  
Château Ferré Thin Stave  
Aged for 18 months

### PRODUCTION

2025 Cases

### RELEASE

JMay 9, 2015

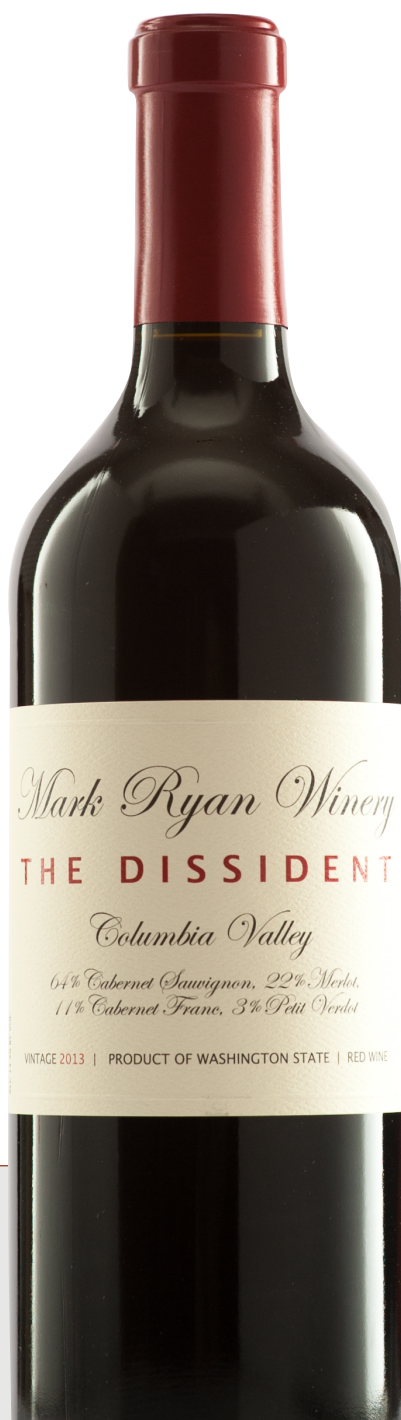
### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval  
Klipsun  
Obelisco  
Phinny Hill  
Red Willow  
Quintessence

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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