

Mark Ryan

WINERY

LOST SOUL

Syrah | Yakima Valley | 2015



Winemaking Notes

We are often asked by our customers if we would ever consider doing an extended barrel aging program on either of our Syrahs. During the blending trials for the 2015 wines we realized that the 2015 Lost Soul might be a candidate for such a program. The intensity of the aromatic and flavor profiles led us to believe that the wine had the depth and power to stand up to extended aging, without becoming nondescript and flat. We are very happy with the results. The Lost Soul is a single vineyard representation of Red Willow Syrah. While the Wild Eyed represents the warmer climate side of Syrah, the Lost Soul embodies the cooler side. The Wild Eyed is full of luscious fruit aromatics while the Lost Soul presents a darker, more savory quality. We take a very hands-off approach with this wine, striving to protect the unique qualities of Red Willow vineyard. Similar to the Wild Eyed, the wine is aged in thick staved 500L French oak barrels. Exact care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. The fruit was hand harvested on September 15th 2015. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 9-12 days. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged for an extended period of 30 months in 54% new, 500 liter French oak barrels. The wine was racked twice and left unfined prior to bottling in April of 2018.

BLEND

100% Syrah

BARREL

54% 28mm 500L
French Puncheon
Aged 30 Months

PRODUCTION

285 Cases

RELEASE

May 19, 2018

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

VINEYARDS

Red Willow

Past vintage scores from The Wine Advocate:

2014: 93 points

2013: 91+ points

2012: 93 points

2010: 93 points

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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