

# Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

## OLIVIA GRACE

Syrah | Columbia Valley | 2015



### Winemaking Notes

Every year our goal at Mark Ryan is to create a wine unlike any other offered in the Mark Ryan portfolio, whether it is a grenache, syrah, mourvedre blend, or simply an outstanding lot from one of our premiere vineyards. This year we chose to combine one of the oldest blocks of syrah in Washington state, the 1991 Chapel syrah block from Red Willow vineyard, with syrah from Angela's vineyard on Red Mountain. To retain and highlight the cooler climate syrah notes of fresh herbs and flowers we picked the Red Willow syrah early. The syrah from Angela's vineyard came in late in the year and brought a deep, rich core of dark fruit with top notes of charred meat and fresh sage. Both wines were fermented in 2 ton open top fermentors 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. The wine was aged in a combination of new and used 500L French oak barrels for 18 months. The wine was racked twice and left unfiltered prior to bottling in April of 2017.

### Tasting Notes

2015 Olivia Grace displays a deep ruby color and seductive aromas of wild fruits – blackberries, mountain blueberries and black currants. The medium full-bodied flavors are alluring, with well packed fruits that are imbued with crushed roses, lavender, dark cocoa, French roast coffee and minerals. The finish reveals sensations of macerated berries, orange peel and charcoal pencil followed by a lingering, chewy ripe tannin finish.

### BLEND

100% Syrah

### BARREL

56% 28mm 500L French  
Puncheon  
Aged for 18 months

### PRODUCTION

225 Cases

### RELEASE

June 17, 2017

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### VINEYARDS

Red Willow  
Angela's

"The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike Macmorran continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys."

– Jeb Dunnuck,  
*The Wine Advocate*

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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