

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## WILD EYED

Syrah | Red Mountain | 2016



### Winemaking Notes

Angela's, Ciel du Cheval and Olsen vineyards are the driving forces behind the 2016 Wild Eyed Syrah. The combination of four premium Syrah clones give us wonderful blending tools in the cellar. Clone 383 offers dark, brooding aromatics and flavors while Clone 174 brings expansive primary fruits and sweet spice. Clone 877 bridges the gap between Clone 383 and Clone 174, with beautiful layers of sweet fruit and a dark core of powerful spice. The Phelps clone ties the wine together with it's amazing purity and intense savory profile. Our goal with the Wild Eyed is to offer a glimpse of warmer climate Washington Syrah. The wine is specifically aged in thick staved 500L French oak barrels. We find these larger volume barrels help create a wine that has a great purity of fruit with improved textural qualities. The fruit was hand harvested between September 12th and September 20th 2016. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermentors 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. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and secondary fermentation and is aged for 18 months in 44% 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

44% 28MM 500L  
French Puncheon  
18 months in barrel

### PRODUCTION

820 Cases

### RELEASE

May 19, 2018

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval  
Angela's  
Olsen

2015: (92-94) points

### Past vintage scores from The Wine Advocate:

2014: 92 points

2013: 93 points

2012: 92 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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