

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## OLIVIA GRACE

Grenache | Yakima Valley | 2017

### 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 showcase an exceptional block from one of our best vineyards. In 2014 we were offered the opportunity to work with Olsen vineyard on a custom planting project. We worked hand in hand with the Olsen vineyard team to plant this block. From site selection, clone selection, vine density and irrigation there was no expense spared. We are the only winery in the state that gets fruit from this block. The site sits above 1300 feet elevation and has soils consisting of scant top soil over layers of fractured basalt. It is a remarkably cool site offering wines with intense floral, spice and red fruit notes. The 2017 Olivia Grace is 91% Grenache, that was fermented whole cluster and spent 28 days on the skins, and 9% Syrah that was also fermented whole cluster for 28 days. Fermenting whole cluster brings additional elements of spice throughout the wine. The extended skin contact produced wines with great depth, richness and complexity. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged in a combination of new and used 500L French oak barrels for 18 months. It was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling.

### (91-93) points - *Jeb Dunnuck*

"A blend of 91% Grenache and 9% Syrah, the 2017 Olivia Grace offers a medium ruby color as well as a loads of savory red fruits, dried earth, and herbs de Provence notes. It's elegant, medium-bodied, silky and seamless on the palate, with fine tannins."

#### BLEND

91% Grenache  
9% Syrah

#### BARREL

10% 28mm 500L French  
Puncheon  
18 months in barrel

#### PRODUCTION

240 Cases

#### RELEASE

June 2018

#### APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

#### VINEYARDS

Olsen



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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