

# THE DISSIDENT

Red Blend | Columbia Valley | 2018



Some of Washington State's finest vineyards have provided fruit for the 2018 Dissident. Cabernet sauvignon from Quintessence, Klipsun and Ciel du Cheval and merlot from Phinny Hill and Red Willow are the foundation of this blend. 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 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-worthy the Dissident is built to offer a more approachable wine younger in its development. The fruit was hand harvested between September 6th and October 18th, 2018. The wine was fermented in 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 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 secondary fermentation and is aged for 18 months in 60% new French oak. The wine was racked three times and gently fined prior to bottling.

## Past Accolades

2017 - (92-94) Jeb Dunnuck

2016 - #46 on Wine Spectator Top 100

93 Wine Spectator

2015 - 94 Wine Advocate, 93 Jeb Dunnuck

#### **BLEND**

70% Cabernet Sauvignon 21% Merlot 7% Cabernet Franc 2% Petit Verdot

#### **BARREL**

60% 22mm French Château Ferré Thin Stave 18 months in barrel

## **PRODUCTION**

4,500 cases

## **HARVESTED**

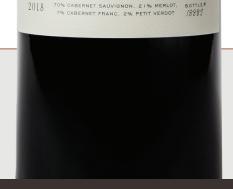
September 6th through October 18th, 2018

## **APPELLATION**

Columbia Valley

## **VINEYARDS**

Quintessence Red Willow Klipsun Ciel du Cheval Phinny Hill Obelisco



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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.