



## 2007 Mark Ryan Winery Dead Horse

Appellation - Red Mountain

Vineyards - Ciel du Cheval

% composition - 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot

Date of harvest - September 23rd and 30th, October 5th and 7th, 2007

Average Brix at harvest - 26.7 Brix

Finished wine data

Residual sugar - 0.04 g/100mL

pH - 3.88

TA - 0.64 g/100mL

Alcohol - 14.7%

% new wood - 100% new French oak

Date bottled - June 2009

Cases produced - 551 cases

### From *The Wine Advocate*

**2007: 91 Points:** *Bitter-edged black currant and seedy blackberry invigoratingly if granularly inform the Mark Ryan 2007 Dead Horse, with accents of smoky black tea, crushed stone, and pencil lead adding intrigue to an admirably gripping finish. What would significantly benefit this palpably dense Cabernet are primary juiciness, brightness, and dynamic interplay such as were achieved in its 2009 counterpart.*

### From *The Wine Enthusiast*

**2007: 91 Points:** *A firm, juicy mix of cranberry, cherry and cassis fruits. Fresh garden herbs are followed with a hint of green coffee bean, the tannins tight and a bit hard. Unyielding at first, this is structured for medium-term aging, with just a bit of alcoholic heat in the finish.*

### From *The Wine Spectator*

**2007: 92 Points:** *Under a layer of firm tannins, this has flesh and sweetness, offering black cherry, rhubarb, dried tomato and black olive flavors that mingle effectively on the expressive finish. Holds together tightly.*