

Lost Soul

2010
Syrah

The 2010 Vintage

2010 can be summed up with one word: cool. Very similar to 1999 a late bud break was followed a very cool summer. Warmer weather finally began in August and early September. Picking dates were up to two weeks later than the previous year. Rain presented challenges in late September and then again throughout October. Winemakers and vineyard managers had to decide whether they should pick early and try and limit rot damage or roll the dice, add hang time and sugar, and hope to avoid significant loss due to rot. The wines produced are a combination of beautiful aromatics, profound elegance and wonderful balance.

Winemakers Notes

This wine is from another of the great vineyards in Washington State: Red Willow. Located south of Yakima, Red Willow is owned and operated by the Sauer family. The wine was fermented using commercial yeast designed specifically for Syrah and was fermented for 18 days then gently pressed. Free run and press fraction juice were separated and pumped into French Burgundy barrels, 33% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. This wine was racked only once prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Roasted marrowbones, cured meat, black olive, minerals and cracked black pepper are wrapped in layers of violets, wet tobacco and warm soil. The small fraction of oak gives hints of vanilla and mocha. The palate is lush with fine tannins and a velvet finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Red Willow

APPELLATION: Yakima Valley

OAK COMPOSITION: 33% New French Oak & 67% Neutral French Oak

BARREL PRODUCERS: Ermitage & Saury

BARREL AGING: 16 months

CHEMISTRY: Alc. 14.9%, pH 3.81, TA 0.61 g/100ml

BOTTLING DATE: April 26th, 2012

RELEASE DATE: May 25th, 2012

Cases Produced: 225

Mark Ryan Winery

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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