

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

DEAD HORSE *Cabernet Sauvignon* | Red Mountain | 2013

Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided fruit for the 2013 Dead Horse. More mature sites like Ciel du Cheval and Red Willow provide texture, nuance and character; and younger sites like our custom plantings on Quintessence and Force Majeure have added purity, vitality and structure to our flagship program. The warm 2013 Vintage allowed us to harvest all our Cabernet and Merlot in the month of September, between the 7th and 26th. As in years past, every lot was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open-top fermenters for 9 to 12 days. Every effort is made to treat the wine as gently as possible; the product is never put through pumps and punching down the must caps gently twice per day. Fermentation rounds are performed twice daily, as to monitor fermentation and track when the wines are ready to be lightly pressed into barrel. The wine was aged in 72% new French oak for 21 months, and bottled on July 9th, 2015.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Dead Horse is deep, brooding dark-red from the center to just inside the edge of the glass. With the first swirl, the wine offers pure, densely-packed aromas of crushed violets with fresh plums and blueberry. After opening, the wine delivers more concentrated tones of blueberry compote mingling with vanilla. The palate is dense, yet, refined with supple texture with a finish that adds weight and complexity with outstanding length.

"The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike MacMorran continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys."

— Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

87% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

72% New, 28% once used
22mm French Château
Ferré Thin Stave
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

1,850 Cases

RELEASE

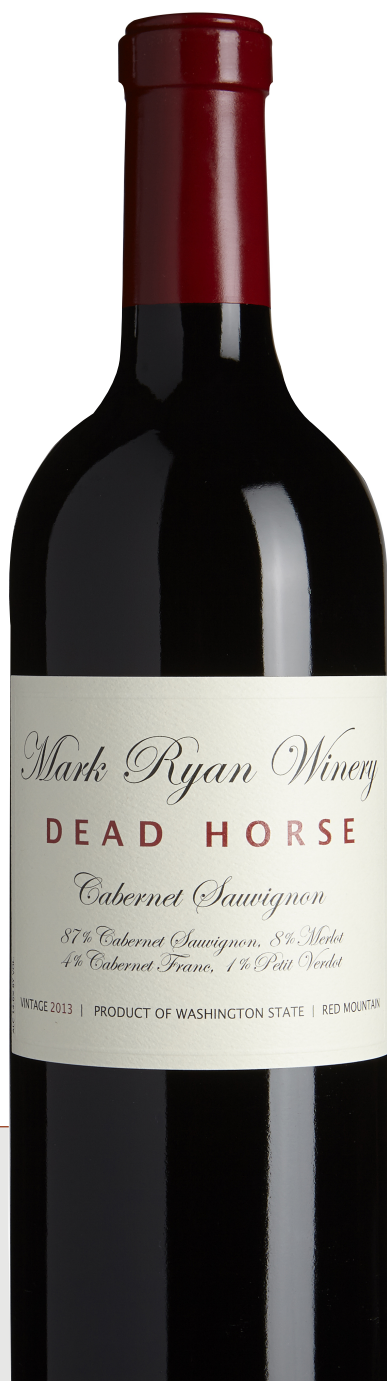
October 3, 2015

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Force Majeure
Klipsun
Obelisco
Quintessence
Red Willow



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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