

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

LONELY HEART *Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2013*

Winemaking Notes

Every year our goal at Mark Ryan is to create a wine unlike any other offered in the Mark Ryan portfolio, and in the 2013 Lonely Heart we utilized Washington's finest site for Cabernet Sauvignon, Ciel du Cheval, to provide texture, nuance, and character. In addition, our custom plantings at Force Majeure provided purity, vitality and structure to our reserve blend. Throughout the year we had a sense that something special was happening, and as the year progressed from bud break, to set and through véraison we saw the progress. The vines had produced naturally lower yields and very small berries hinting at the immense potential within each cluster. The warm 2013 Vintage allowed us to harvest all our Cabernet and Merlot in the month of September, between the 7th and 26th. 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 79% new French oak for 21 months, and bottled on July 9th, 2015.

Tasting Notes

"The star of the 2013s is without a doubt the 2013 Lonely Heart Cabernet Sauvignon! This is the top wine of the estate and it's the first wine that's put together in the cellar and in 2013 it's a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot. Gorgeous on all counts, with full-bodied concentration, building tannin and lots of cassis, lead pencil shavings, violets and spring flower aromas and flavors, this thrilling wine will stand toe-to-toe with the greatest Cabernets coming out of Washington. As with all of this team's wines, it has an elegance and seamlessness that will allow it to impress on release, yet it will still benefit from 4-5 years of cellaring and keep for 25 years."

— Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

95% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Merlot
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

79% New 22mm French
Château Ferré Thin
Stave 22mm French Château
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

215 Cases

RELEASE

February 12, 2016

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Force Majeure

94-97 Points

The Wine Advocate



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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