

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## WATER WITCH

Red Blend | Red Mountain | 2015



### Winemaking Notes

In 2012, we partnered with Quintessence Vineyards to plant a 13.6 acre block on the south slope of Red Mountain. No expense was spared in the design and development of the site. We worked hand-in-hand with the Quintessence Vineyard team to transform the 13.6 acre site into a world-class vineyard through site selection, variety and clone selection, and vine density and orientation. This team effort culminated in the reintroduction of one of the original wines in the Mark Ryan lineup: Water Witch. After carefully selecting the top performing blocks in the 13.6 acre vineyard, we are very excited with the results. Great care is taken in the cellar to gently handle the must, which is never pumped and is punched down twice a day to create gentle extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 71% new French oak.

### Tasting Notes

#### (92-94) Points

“The 310-case 2015 Water Witch Red Blend (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) is still aging in 71% new French oak barrels. It sports a deep purple color as well as a heavenly bouquet of creme de cassis, jammy black raspberries, spice and white chocolate. This gives way to a full-bodied, plush, sexy red that has tons of fruit, a big, mouth-filling texture and a great finish. It shows the riper side to the vintage, yet hangs onto plenty of purity and elegance.”

– Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

### BLEND

60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
30% Merlot  
8% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

71% 22mm new  
French Oak  
Aged for 21 months

### PRODUCTION

310 Cases

### RELEASE

February 10, 2018

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence

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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