

OLIVIA GRACE

Grenache | Columbia Valley | 2016



Winemaking Notes

Every year our goal at Mark Ryan is to create a wine unlike any other offered in the Mark Ryan portfolio, whether it is a Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre blend, or simply an outstanding lot from one of our premiere vineyards. This year we chose to showcase two new vineyards in our program and one historic site. The Grenache component in the Olivia Grace comes from two high density custom plantings. The Olsen Vineyard site sits at 1200 feet elevation and has soils consisting of scant top soil over layers of fractured basalt. It is a remarkably cool site, offering a more elegant and refined quality, with intense floral and red fruit notes. The Quintessnce site is located at 1000 feet of elevation. It sits on an extreme south facing slope where it receives the intense heat of Red Mountain and brings powerful black fruits and sweet spice. Red Willow Syrah rounds out the blend, complementing the unique qualities of the Grenache with rich savory flavors and exquisite texture. The wines were fermented in 2 ton open top fermentors for 10 days. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in a combination of new and used 500L French oak barrels for 18 months. It was racked twice and left unfined prior to bottling in April of 2017.

Past vintage scores from The Wine Advocate:

2015: (94-97) points

2014: 94 points

2013: 94 points

2012: 94 points

BLEND

85% Grenache 15% Syrah

BARREL

37% 28mm 500L French Puncheon 18 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

240 Cases

RELEASE

June 16, 2018

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Olsen 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.