

Mark Ryan

WINERY

THE DISSIDENT *Red Blend | Columbia Valley | 2017*

Winemaking Notes

Some of Washington State's finest vineyards have provided fruit for the 2017 Dissident. Cabernet sauvignon from Ciel du Cheval, Phinny Hill, and Quintessence and merlot from Klipsun and Red Willow are the foundation of this wine. The Dissident is a wine that we create to complement the Dead Horse and Long Haul. People often think that the Dissident is made up of wines that don't make the cut in the final blends of the Dead Horse and Long Haul. This couldn't be further from the truth. The same vineyards, barrels and attention to detail go into crafting the Dissident as go into every other wine in the Mark Ryan program. While the Dead Horse and Long Haul are crafted to be supremely ageable the Dissident is built to offer a more approachable wine younger in its development. The fruit was hand harvested between September 8th and October 16th 2017. The wine was fermented in 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermentors for 7-10 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 secondary fermentation and is aged for 18 months in 60% new French oak. The wine was racked three times and gently fined prior to bottling.

(92-94) points *Jeb Dunnuck*

The 2017 The Dissident functions as a second wine and gets some declassified fruit from the top cuvées, but it also has designated vineyard sources. It offers a deeper, richer style with lots of cassis, ground herbs, lead pencil, and earthy aromas and flavors. Medium to full-bodied, pure, with terrific depth of fruit and purity, it's going to be a smoking value.

BLEND

65% Cabernet Sauvignon
25% Merlot
9% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

60% 22mm French
Château Ferré
Thin Stave
18 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

3,925 Cases

RELEASE

April 26, 2019

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Quintessence
Ciel du Cheval
Klipsun
Obelisco
Phinny Hill
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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