



Mark Ryan

WINERY

DEAD HORSE *Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2018*

Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest Cabernet Sauvignon sites provided the fruit for the 2018 Dead Horse. The foundation of the blend comes from our custom plantings at Quintessence. These vineyard blocks produce exceptional fruit with incredible purity, intensity and depth. Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun vineyards round out the composition, lending additional layers of complexity and nuance. The 2018 vintage started off hot. Temperatures dropped significantly in September which allowed for more even ripening and the production of supremely balanced wines. The wine was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 days. Every effort is made to treat the wine as gently as possible. The must is never put through pumps and gentle punch downs occur twice per day. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel, where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and is aged for 21 months in 83% new French oak. The wine was racked twice prior to being bottled.

Tasting Notes

2018 Dead Horse offers lush, dark fruit on the nose mingled with eucalyptus, red currant, and plum. The palate presents dense flavors of blackberry, plum, dark chocolate, and hints of leather and slate with baking spices. Full-bodied with structured tannins, it balances integrated acidity with a lengthy finish.

BLEND

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

BARREL

83% 22mm French
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

2,200 Cases

RELEASE

September 2020

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

Quintessence
Ciel du Cheval
Klipsun

MATURITY WINDOW

2021-2033

PAST ACCOLADES

2017: (94-96) Jeb Dunnuck
2016: 94 Decanter
2015: 95 Jeb Dunnuck
2014: 93 Wine & Spirits
2013: 94 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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