

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## OLIVIA GRACE

Syrah | Red Mountain | 2018

### 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 the exceptional qualities of Quintessence vineyard, block 36 clone 470 syrah. In 2014, we jumped at the opportunity to collaborate with Quintessence vineyard on a second custom planting project. We worked hand in hand with the vineyard team to plant this block, from the initial site selection to clone selection and vine density and irrigation strategies. There was no expense spared. We are the sole recipient of fruit from this incredibly unique block. The soil make-up consists of scant topsoil over layers of fractured basalt. With very little water holding capacity and low soil fertility, the vigor of the vines is significantly reduced, producing small clusters with small, intensely flavored berries. The steep south-facing aspect of the site ensures plenty of sunlight and heat throughout the growing season which creates wines with intense dark fruits and layers of rich, complex spice. The 470 syrah clone is one of our favorites. At this site, it produces wines that offer exceptionally pure aromatics and flavors that remain exquisitely balanced. The fruit was hand harvested on September 6th, 2018. The wine was fermented in a 5 ton open top fermenter for 8 days and was lightly pressed to barrel where it finished primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged in a combination of new and used 500L French oak barrels for 18 months. It was racked twice and left un-fined prior to bottling.

#### BLEND

100% Syrah

#### BARREL

43% 27mm 500L  
French Puncheon  
18 months in barrel

#### PRODUCTION

240 Cases

#### RELEASE

May 2020

#### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

#### VINEYARDS

Quintessence

### Past Vintage Scores

2017 - 94 *Jeb Dunnuck*

2013 - 94 *Wine Advocate*

2016 - 93 *Jeb Dunnuck*

2012 - 94 *Wine Advocate*

2015 - 94 *Wine Advocate*

2011 - 92 *Wine Advocate*

2014 - 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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