



DEAD HORSE

Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2019

Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest cabernet sauvignon sites provided the fruit for the 2019 Dead Horse. The foundation of the blend is our custom plantings at Quintessence vineyard, which produce exceptional fruit with incredible purity, intensity, and depth. Obelisco and Klipsun vineyards round out the 100% Red Mountain AVA composition, contributing additional layers of complexity and nuance. The weather in 2019 started cool and remained relatively temperate throughout the growing season. This allowed the fruit to ripen evenly and provided the opportunity for flavors to develop through extended hang time. 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 77% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

Our 2019 Dead Horse offers dense blackberry and cherry aromas on the nose with hints of eucalyptus, currant, and leather. Blueberry compote, dark plum, and slight chocolate flavors combine on the palate with oak notes of vanilla and baking spice. This bold, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon has strong tannins that balance with acidity and create a long finish.

BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

77% 22mm French Chateau Ferré Thin Stave 21 Months in Barrel

PRODUCTION

1,806 Cases

RELEASE

October 2021

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

MATURITY WINDOW

2021-2033

VINEYARDS

Quintessence Klipsun Obelisco

PAST ACCOLADES

2018: 95 Jeb Dunnuck 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.