

Mark Ryan

WINERY

CRAZY MARY

Mourvèdre | Red Mountain | 2021

WINEMAKING NOTES

Mourvèdre is a varietal that we love to work with. Its aromatic profile is like syrah, but it contains additional elements that make the resulting wine unique. Mourvèdre prefers the deep sandy soils offered by Ciel du Cheval. Unlike syrah, which we tend to harvest early in the growing season, mourvèdre is a later ripening varietal and is often one of the last lots we pick. Small amounts of syrah and grenache were used in the blend to help compliment and elevate the finished wine. Bud break and bloom in 2021 were earlier than normal. The weather was hot throughout much of the growing season. Like 2020, the 2021 vintage produced exceptionally low yields. Berries were remarkably small, and clusters were extremely light. This led to wines with amazing depth and intensity. The fruit was hand harvested in October and was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5-ton open top fermenters for 7 to 10 days. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation. Aged for 18 months in 45% new 228-liter thick staved French oak barrels, the wine was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

With a deep ruby and slightly purple hue, the 2021 Crazy Mary is a complex wine with black cherry, cured meat, bramble, black pepper, clove, chocolate, and coffee grounds on the nose. On the palate intense black fruit flavors of plums and cherries, with savory spices and dark cacao on the finish.

BLEND

85% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, 5% Grenache

BARREL

45% new French oak, 55% used French oak. 18 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

491 cases

RELEASE

July 2023

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

MATURITY WINDOW

2023-2038

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval, Angela's, Olsen

PAST ACCOLADES

2020 – 92 WE, 91 W&S
2018 – 95+ WA, 94 WE, 94 Jeb Dunnuck, 91 Vinous
2017 – 92+ WA, 93 WE, 94 Jeb Dunnuck
2014 – 93 WA, 92 WE, 93 W&S, 91 Vinous

ALCOHOL

15%

UPC

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Founded in 1999 by Mark Ryan McNeilly, **MARK RYAN WINERY** produces limited quantities of highly-sought after wines, crafted intentionally for their quality and potential. We partner with vineyards of the highest merit to produce an award-winning lineup that represents our winemaking style and authentic varietal character. Our passion to produce the best wines possible inspires us to make these wines for you.



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