

Mark Ryan

WINERY

DEAD HORSE

Cabernet Sauvignon | Red Mountain | 2020

Winemaking Notes

Washington's finest cabernet sauvignon sites provide the fruit for the 2020 Dead Horse. The foundation of the blend is our custom planting at Quintessence vineyard, which produces exceptional fruit of incredible purity, intensity, and depth. Fruit from Obelisco, Discovery and Olsen vineyards complete the wine. While the composition is primarily cabernet sauvignon, small amounts of merlot and cabernet franc were used to add depth and complexity to the finished wine. The weather in 2020 was on the warm side, with elevated temperatures during July through early September. This weather pattern accelerated ripening and harvest began more than a week ahead of schedule. The wine was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 days and was then lightly pressed to barrel, where it finished primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged for 21 months in 65% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

The 2020 Dead Horse is a large, balanced cabernet filled with baking spice and boysenberry aromas that carry through to the palate where they are joined by flavors of anise and eucalyptus. The tannins are balanced by a silky mouthfeel and the lingering finish is filled with black pepper and herbs.

BLEND

90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

65% new French Oak,
35% used French Oak
21 Months in Barrel

PRODUCTION

2,371 Cases

RELEASE

October 2022

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

MATURITY WINDOW

2022-2038

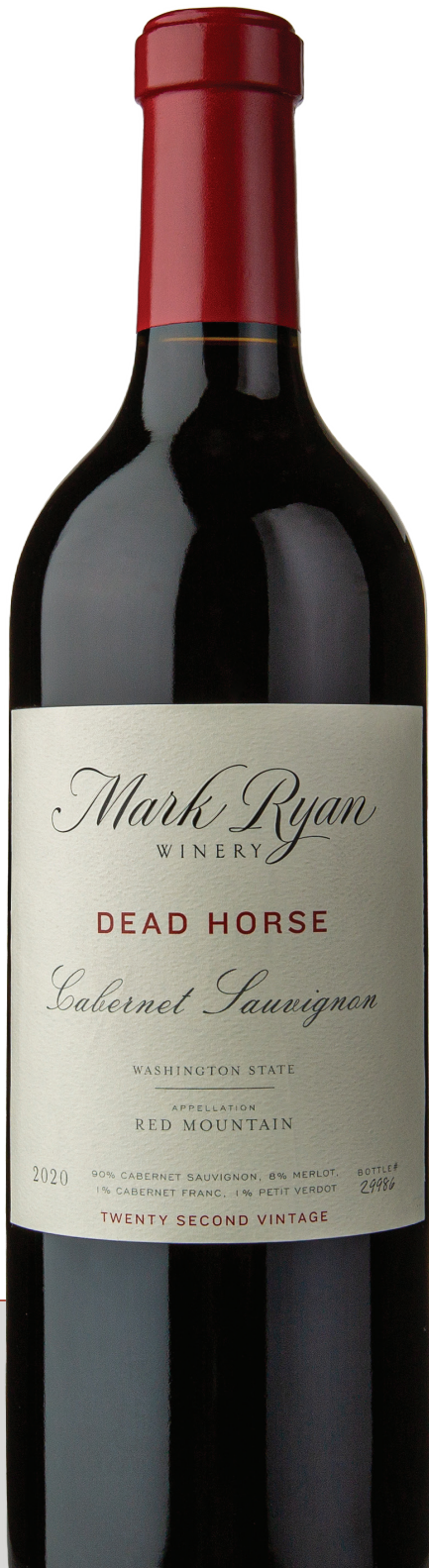
VINEYARDS

Quintessence, Obelisco,
Discovery, Olsen

PAST ACCOLADES

2019 – 94+ Jeb Dunnuck
93 Tanzer
2018 – 95 Jeb Dunnuck
93 Wine Advocate
2017 – 95 Decanter
93 Wine Spectator
2016 – 94 Jeb Dunnuck
94 Decanter
93 Wine Advocate
2015 – 95 Jeb Dunnuck

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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