

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## OLD VINES

Cabernet Sauvignon | Columbia Valley | 2021

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2021 Old Vines cabernet sauvignon honors two of the oldest and most well-respected vineyards in the state, with the addition of some of our oldest vines at Quintessence vineyard. Cabernet sauvignon planted in 1998 at Ciel du Cheval on Red Mountain provides mouth-filling flavors of complex, sweet fruit, and spice. Cabernet sauvignon from Red Willow planted in 1991 contributes intense spice and floral aromatics and brings substantial weight and volume to the palate. The old, gnarled vines from these blocks are more self-regulating in the vineyard, offering lighter crops, smaller berries and extremely concentrated aromatics and flavors. The fruit from Quintessence adds depth and dimension to the finished wine. Our job in the cellar is to find the fulcrum of extraction to celebrate these magnificent qualities and avoid pushing too far which can lead to a wine that is unapproachable and hard. Once fermentation was complete the wine was lightly pressed to barrel where it aged for 21 months in 68% new French oak.

### TASTING NOTES

The aromatics reveal sage and dried herbal notes along with fresh red cherry and a hint of citrus peel. On the palate, flavors of anise, currant, and dried herbs emerge. Chewy tannins on the finish lend structure and indicate this wine will continue to evolve with cellaring. Well balanced yet youthful, the 2021 Old Vines is an enjoyable wine that shows both fruit and savory complexity.

### BLEND

95% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
5% Merlot

### BARREL

68% new French oak  
32% used French oak  
21 months in barrel

### PRODUCTION

459 cases

### RELEASE

February 2024

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### MATURITY WINDOW

2024-2042

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence, Red Willow,  
Ciel du Cheval

### PAST ACCOLADES

2020: 93 Decanter  
2019: 94 WS, 93 WE  
2018: 93+ JD, 92 WA, 92 WE  
2017: 93 WA, 92 W&S,  
(93-95) JD  
2016: 93 WA, 94 JD, 92 WE, 93 TZ  
2015: 96 WA, 95 JD, 92 TZ

### ALCOHOL

14.8%

### UPC

850518006090



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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