

Mark Ryan

WINERY

WATER WITCH

Red Blend | Red Mountain | 2020



WINEMAKING NOTES

In 2012 we partnered with Quintessence Vineyards to plant a 13.6-acre block on the south slope of Red Mountain. We worked together with the Quintessence team to transform the site into a world-class vineyard, sparing no expense in the design and development. Through meticulous site, varietal, and clone selection as well as targeted vine density and orientation, we have been able to create this singular wine unique to the Mark Ryan lineup. We focus on highlighting the fantastic character and quality that make this block unique. By utilizing cooler fermentation temperatures and slightly longer skin contact time we can coax the inherent depth and power from the fruit while maintaining the more subtle, delicate notes. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 49% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Strong aromatics of stewed plums, black pepper, and earth introduce the 2020 Water Witch. This elegant wine is complex on the palate, with notes of crème brûlée and spice layered over rainier cherries and black plums.

BLEND

66% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

49% new 22mm French
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave
21 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

756 Cases

RELEASE

February 2023

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

MATURITY WINDOW

2023-2035

VINEYARDS

Quintessence

PAST ACCOLADES

2019: 94 W&S, 94 JD, 93 WS, 93 WE
2018: 93 WE, 93 JD, 92 Decanter, 91 WA
2017: 90 WA, 93 WS, 92 W&S, (93-95) JD
2016: 92+ WA, 92 WE, 92 TZ, 93 JD
2015: 90 WA, 91 WE, 91 WS, 92 TZ, 94 JD

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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