

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

LOST SOUL

Syrah | Yakima Valley | 2014

Winemaking Notes

This wine is a single vineyard representation of Red Willow syrah. While the Wild Eyed represents the warmer climate side of syrah, the Lost Soul embodies the cooler climate. The Wild Eyed is full of luscious fruit aromatics where the Lost Soul presents the darker more savory side of syrah. We take a very hands-off approach with this wine, striving to protect the unique qualities of Red Willow vineyard. Similar to the Wild Eyed, the wine is aged in thick staved 500L French oak barrels. Exacting care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. The fruit was hand harvested on September 13th 2014. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 9-12 days. Fermentation rounds are performed to track the progress of the fermentation and alert the winemaking team as to when the wine is ready to be pressed. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and is aged for 18 months in 47% new, 500 liter French oak barrels. The wine was raked twice and left unfined prior to bottling in April of 2016.

Tasting Notes

“Coming all from the Red Willow vineyard on the western side of the Yakima Valley, the 2014 Lost Soul Syrah might be the finest vintage yet for this cuvee. Giving up tons of sexy black fruits, currants, pepper, smoked earth and a hint of violets (with time in the glass), this beauty is full-bodied, rich, concentrated, and yet still polished and elegant. I love its purity, and it doesn't give an inch with regards to texture and richness.”

(93-95) Points, Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

100% Syrah

BARREL

47% New 28mm 500L
French Puncheon

Aged 18 Months

PRODUCTION

350 Cases

RELEASE

October 1, 2016

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

VINEYARDS

Red Willow Vineyard

“The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike Macmorran continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys.”

– Jeb Dunnuck,
The 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.



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