

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

THE DISSIDENT *Red Blend | Columbia Valley | 2014*

Winemaking Notes

Some of Washington state's finest vineyards have provided fruit for the 2014 Dissident. Cabernet sauvignon from Ciel du Cheval, Phinny Hill and Quintessence and merlot from Klipsun and Red Willow are the foundation of this wine. The Dissident is a wine that we create to complement the Dead Horse and Long Haul. People often think that the Dissident is made up of wines that don't make the cut in the final blends of the Dead Horse and Long Haul. This couldn't be further from the truth. The same vineyards, barrels and attention to detail go into crafting the Dissident as go into every other wine in the Mark Ryan program. While the Dead Horse and Long Haul are crafted to be supremely ageable the Dissident is built to offer a more approachable wine younger in its development. The fruit was hand harvested between August 24th and October 28th 2014. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermentors for 9-12 days. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. Fermentation rounds are done twice daily 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 secondary fermentation. The wine was aged for 18 months in 54% new French oak. The wine was racked three times and gently fined prior to bottling in March of 2016.

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Dissident shows a deep red color profile holding to the edge of the glass. Complex aromas of red currant, black cherry, and tea leaf combine with warm vanilla and integrated oak on the nose. A dense core of black fruits – blueberry, blackberry, and cassis develop on the palate and transition with hints of eucalyptus and cigar-box to a lasting finish. The wine presents subtle oak, robust fruit, and savory flavors integrated with graceful tannins and lively acidity.

BLEND

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Cabernet Franc
7% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

BARREL

54% 22mm French
Château Ferré
Thin Stave

PRODUCTION

2750 Cases

RELEASE

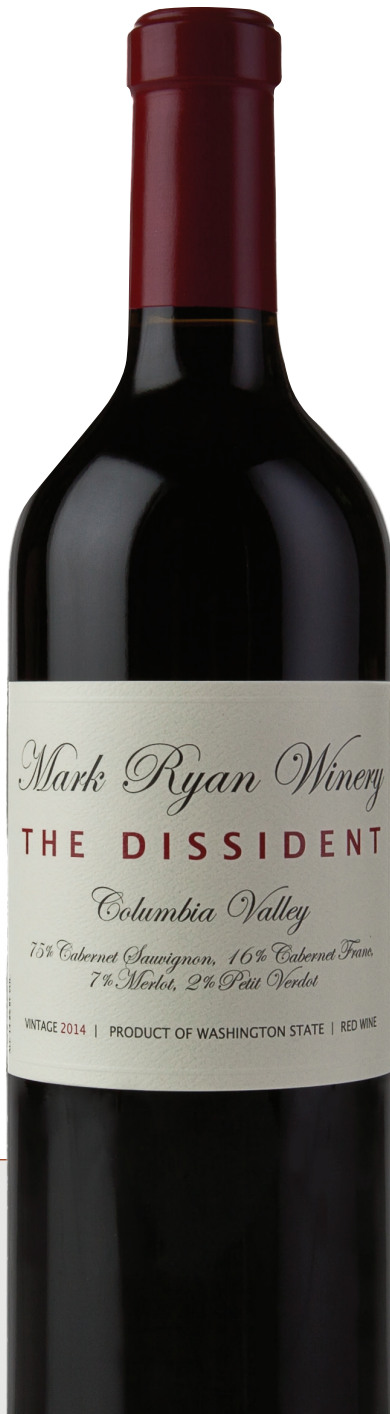
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APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Klipsun
Obelisco
Phinny Hill
Red Willow
Quintessence



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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