

Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

WATER WITCH

Red Blend | Red Mountain | 2014



Winemaking Notes

In 2012, we partnered with Quintessence Vineyards to plant a 13.6 acre block on the south slope of Red Mountain. No expense was spared in the design and development of the site. We worked hand-in-hand with the Quintessence Vineyard team to transform the 13.6 acre site into a world-class vineyard through site selection, variety and clone selection, and vine density and orientation. This team effort culminated in the reintroduction of one of the original wines in the Mark Ryan lineup: Water Witch. After carefully selecting the top performing blocks in the 13.6 acre vineyard, we are very excited with the results. Great care is taken in the cellar to gently handle the must, which is never pumped and is punched down twice a day to create gentle extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 100% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

(92-93) Points

“Coming from a 14-acre parcel in the Quintessence vineyard on Red Mountain that was planted per Mark and Mike’s specifications, the 2014 Water Witch Red Blend functions as the estate’s red blend and comes from young vines (at the moment anyways). It has classic Red Mountain minerality as well as lots of smoked earth, dark fruits and licorice aromas, medium to full-bodied richness and beautiful purity.”

– Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

BLEND

57% Cabernet Sauvignon
25% Merlot
14% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot

BARREL

100% 22mm French
Château Ferré Thin Stave
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

168 Cases

RELEASE

February 11, 2017

APPELLATION

Red Mountain

VINEYARDS

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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