

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay | Yakima Valley | 2019

### Winemaking Notes

In the spring of 2013, we partnered with Leif Olsen from Olsen vineyard and selected a site that would produce world class chardonnay. With its north slope, diverse soils and over 1200 feet of elevation, the site offers a truly dynamic climate perfect for chardonnay. Three distinct clones were chosen specifically to augment the already incredible characteristics of the site. Clone 548 is a low yielding clone that offers great aromatic intensity (tropical and stone fruits) and palate weight. Clone 76 provides a very elegant aromatic profile (minerality and citrus) with beautiful focused acidity. Clone 809 is a chardonnay musqué clone known for its highly perfumed, Muscat-like aromatic (floral and sweet) and intense presence in the palate. The 2019 vintage started off cold and wet, but warmer temperatures throughout late spring through early fall created the opportunity for an excellent harvest. Harvested on September 18th, the fruit was whole cluster pressed and settled overnight. After being transferred to barrel the wine was inoculated and fermented at very low temperatures for over 30 days. During its time in barrel, the wine completed malolactic fermentation and was gently stirred to suspend the lees and add greater depth and weight to the palate. The wine was aged in 38% used French oak, 38% concrete egg and 24% new French oak for 10 months.

### Tasting Notes

2019 Chardonnay presents a vibrant, straw hue and perfumed aromatics along with green apple and juicy pear. The crisp acidity balances harmoniously with integrated oak. On the palate, it gives baking spices, hints of honey and lemon curd, and peach flavors. It's elegance continues with a lengthy, clean finish.

#### BLEND

100% Chardonnay

#### BARREL

38% Used French Oak,  
38% Concrete Egg,  
24% New French Oak

Aged for 10 months

#### PRODUCTION

409 cases

#### RELEASE

September 2020

#### APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

#### VINEYARDS

Olsen

#### MATURITY WINDOW

2020-2027

#### PAST ACCOLADES

2018: 90 Wine Enthusiast  
2017: 90 Wine Spectator  
2016: 90 Wine Enthusiast

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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