

Mark Ryan

WINERY

CRAZY MARY

Mourvèdre | Columbia Valley | 2020

WINEMAKING NOTES

Mourvèdre is a varietal that we all love to work with. Its aromatic profile is similar to syrah, but it contains additional elements that make the resulting wine unique. Mourvèdre prefers the deep sandy soils offered by Ciel du Cheval. Unlike syrah, which we tend to harvest early in the growing season, mourvèdre is a later ripening varietal and is often one of the last lots we pick. The addition of Red Willow syrah provides the blend with additional layers of savory aromatics and subtle floral notes. To protect the unique aromatic and textural profile of the wine we use thick staved 228-liter barrels for aging. The fruit was hand harvested between September 20th and October 15th, 2020 and was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 10 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. Aged for 18 months in 28% new 228-liter thick staved French oak barrels, the wine was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Crazy Mary is an herbaceous, meaty wine opening with sweet strawberry aromatics backed by secondary notes of italian herbs and honey baked ham. The palate is complex and true-to-varietal, with bright red currant flavors backed by cured meats, black tea, and pipe tobacco. The finish is long and savory with thyme and sage characteristics layered over a salty minerality.

BLEND

78% Mourvèdre
22% Syrah

BARREL

28% New French Oak
72% Used French Oak

PRODUCTION

482 cases

RELEASE

July 2022

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Red Willow



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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