

Mark Ryan

WINERY



LONG HAUL

Red Wine | Columbia Valley | 2020

Winemaking Notes

The 2020 Long Haul is composed primarily of merlot from Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun vineyards on Red Mountain combined with merlot from Red Willow Vineyard in the Yakima Valley. Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun are two of the oldest vineyards on Red Mountain. These older vines produce small clusters with intensely flavored berries. Seventy miles to the west of Red Mountain, the vines at Red Willow have an average age of 25 years and are planted on ancient soils above the deposition of the Missoula floods. Red Willow merlot offers a savory aromatic profile with complex depth and power on the palate. The weather in 2020 was on the warm side, with elevated temperatures during July, August, and early September. This weather pattern accelerated ripening and harvest began more than a week ahead of schedule. The wine was fermented in a combination of 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 days and was then lightly pressed to barrel, where it finished primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged for 21 months in 54% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

The 2020 Long Haul opens with licorice and fresh herbs highlighted by black plum fruits. The strong secondary notes on the nose continue into the palate, where the 2020 Long Haul is a meaty merlot with both red and blue fruit flavors backed by notes of cedar and black pepper.

BLEND

71% Merlot
19% Cabernet Franc
6% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Malbec
1% Petit Verdot

BARREL

54% new French Oak,
46% used French Oak
21 Months in Barrel

PRODUCTION

1,869 Cases

RELEASE

October 2022

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

MATURITY WINDOW

2022-2035

VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval
Klipsun
Red Willow

PAST ACCOLADES

2019 – 94 Jeb Dunnuck
92 Wine Enthusiast
2018 – 93 Wine Enthusiast
92 Jeb Dunnuck
2017 – 93 James Suckling
92 Wine Enthusiast
2016 – 93 Jeb Dunnuck
92 Wine Spectator
2015 – 94 Jeb Dunnuck
92 Tanzer

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