

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## MONKEY WRENCH Cabernet Sauvignon | 2021



### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2021 Monkey Wrench Cabernet Sauvignon combines the strength of Red Mountain cabernet sauvignon with the elegance of Yakima Valley merlot. Cabernet sauvignon from Red Mountain contributes layers of concentrated ripe fruit flavors and a bold, expansive texture. Meanwhile, merlot from Yakima Valley provides delicate floral aromatics, spice notes, and a refined finish to add complexity and elegance. The 2021 growing season saw an early bud break followed by hot summer weather. Like 2020 before it, 2021 yielded remarkably low crop levels, with small berry sizes and light clusters. This resulted in wines with tremendous depth and astounding concentration. The fruit was hand-harvested between September 10th and October 16th, 2021. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in a mix of small open-top tanks for 7 – 10 days. The wine was then lightly pressed into barrel, where it finished primary and secondary fermentation. Prior to bottling, the blend was racked three times and lightly fined.

### TASTING NOTES

A rich Cabernet from some of Washington's best vineyards leads with aromas of wild mint, leather, and a touch of cigar box. On the palate, layers of black fruits give way to boysenberry and mocha. Firm, finely grained tannins provide an underlying structure for the dark fruit flavors.

### BLEND

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

80% used French oak  
20% new French oak  
21 months in barrel

### PRODUCTION

489 cases

### RELEASE

August 2023

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### MATURITY WINDOW

2023-2031

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence, Olsen, Phinny Hill, Quinn, Henry Earl, Ciel du Cheval, Stanton, Klipsun, Red Willow, Obelisco

### ALCOHOL

14.9%

### UPC

850518006618

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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