

# Mark Ryan

WINERY

## WILD EYED

Syrah | Red Mountain | 2021



### WINEMAKING NOTES

Quintessence and Angela's vineyard provide the fruit for the 2021 Wild Eyed Syrah. The combination of four premium Syrah clones give us wonderful blending tools in the cellar. Clone 383 offers dark, brooding aromatics and flavors, while Clone 174 brings expansive primary fruits and sweet spice. Clone 877 bridges the gap between clone 383 and clone 174, with beautiful layers of sweet fruit and a dark, savory core. The Phelps clone ties the wine together with its amazing purity and intense profile. Our goal with the Wild Eyed is to offer a glimpse of warmer climate Washington state Syrah. The wine is specifically aged in thick staved 500-liter French oak barrels. We find these larger volume barrels help create a wine that has a great purity of fruit with improved textural qualities. The wine was fermented in 1.5, 2 and 5 ton open top fermenters for 7-10 days. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and secondary fermentation and is aged for 18 months in 43% new, 500-liter French oak barrels. The wine was racked twice and left unfinned prior to bottling in March of 2023.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, aromatics of boysenberry, black currant, and roasted meat. Dark plum and baking spice flavors follow with a note of salinity and dried herbs on the lingering finish.

### BLEND

97% Syrah  
3% Grenache

### BARREL

43% new French oak, 57%  
used French oak  
18 months in barrel

### PRODUCTION

1,531 cases

### RELEASE

April 2023

### APPELLATION

Red Mountain

### MATURITY WINDOW

2023-2035

### VINEYARDS

Quintessence Vineyard,  
Angela's Vineyard

### PAST ACCOLADES

2020: 92 WE

2019: 93 WE

2018: 92 WE, 92 Tanzer

2017: (92-94) JD, 91+  
Tanzer

2016: 90 WS, 92 JD, 91  
WA

### ALCOHOL

15%

### UPC

850518006069

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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