

# Mark Ryan

W I N E R Y

## LONG HAUL

Red Wine | Columbia Valley | 2014

### Winemaking Notes

For the last several vintages, Long Haul's formation has been inspired by the great Right Bank blends of Bordeaux, with Merlot and Cabernet Franc making up the majority of the blend. In 2014 the decision was made to return Long Haul to its roots and create a blend reminiscent of the Long Haul blends prior to 2008. The 2014 Long Haul is composed primarily of Merlot from Ciel du Cheval, a vineyard planted on calcium-rich clay beds that give the wine a rich, delicate texture and feminine aromatics. Yakima Valley's Red Willow Vineyard provides a vastly different aromatic profile, offering complexity and broadness to the palate. The warm 2014 vintage allowed us to harvest all of Long Haul's components in the month of September, between the 2nd and 23rd. As in years past, every lot was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open-top fermenters for 9 to 12 days. Every effort is made to treat the wine as gently as possible; the must is never put through pumps and is gently punched down twice per day. Fermentation rounds are performed to monitor fermentation and track when the wines are ready to be lightly pressed into barrel, where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in 47% new French oak for 21 months and was racked twice prior to being bottled on June 13th, 2016.

### Tasting Notes

"The 2014 Long Haul Ciel du Cheval Vineyard was shifted to a more Merlot dominated blend in 2014. It offers plenty of currants, plums, spice and cedar characteristics in ripe, sexy, slightly straightforward style. It has good, not great concentration, but should certainly be outstanding."

**(90-92) Points**, Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*

### BLEND

78% Merlot  
14% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

47% New 22mm French  
Chateau Ferré Thin Stave

Aged for 21 months

### PRODUCTION

1,175 Cases

### RELEASE

October 2, 2016

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### VINEYARDS

Ciel du Cheval  
Red Willow  
Klipsun  
Quintessence  
Obelisco  
Olsen



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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