

# NUMBSKULL

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

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### *Tasting Notes*

NumbSkull is a dense supple blend from some of Walla Walla's best vineyards. Red and black cherry fruits explode on the palate, eventually mingling subtler tones of vanilla, dark chocolate and hints of toasty oak. It is a substantial wine, with mouth-filling richness and remarkable complexity for the price.

### *Vineyards*

**XL Vineyards:** Merlot is sourced from high in the SeVein region. Along the border of the Walla Walla Valley lies 47 acres of beautiful vineyard land called XL Vineyards. Framed by a ragged eastern border formed by the Blue Mountains and accented by a valley that flattens out as it extends west, XL Vineyard has a rare topography and variety of terroirs that allow for a wide range of grape varieties to flourish. An elevation of 1,050 to 1,250 feet combined with the unique combination of soil, wind, rain, daylight and warmth that embraces the vines at this elevation results in truly distinctive grapes.

**Anna Marie Vineyards:** The Anna Marie vineyard is a combination of the sediments from the Lake Missoula floods overlaid by wind-blown loess. Its well-drained, sandy loam is ideal for wine grape production. This soil type, together with hot days and cool fall nights, results in superlative terroir allowing the production of premier wines

**McClellan Estate Vineyards:** Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot are sourced from McClellan estate, directly adjacent to Seven Hills Vineyard. The deep silt-loam soils contribute powerful aromatics, elegant structure, and intense fruit notes.

### BLEND

73% Merlot  
20% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7% Petit Verdot

### BARREL

46% New French Oak  
54% Used French Oak

### PRODUCTION

1500 cases

### RELEASE

February 12, 2016

### APPELLATION

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### VINEYARDS

XL Vineyards  
Anna Marie Vineyards  
McClellan Estate Vineyards

*NumbSkull was created to explore the Walla Walla Valley. More generous with fruit and tame in its structure than our sites in Red Mountain, Walla Walla displays a truly unique aromatic and flavor profile.*



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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