

Mark Ryan

WINERY

LOST SOUL

Syrah | Yakima Valley | 2017

Winemaking Notes

We are often asked by our customers if we would ever consider doing an extended barrel aging program on either of our syrah's. During the blending trials for the 2015 wines we realized that the 2015 Lost Soul might be a candidate for such a program. We've had such great feedback on the 2015 and 2016 Lost Soul that we decided to continue the extended barrel aging program with the 2017 vintage. We are very happy with the results. The Lost Soul is a single vineyard representation of Red Willow syrah and is a combination of two blocks of syrah planted on very different soils. While the Wild Eyed represents the warmer climate side of syrah, the Lost Soul embodies the cooler side. We take a very hands-off approach with this wine, striving to protect the unique qualities of Red Willow vineyard. Like the Wild Eyed, the wine is aged in thick staved 500-liter French oak barrels. Great care is taken in the cellar to handle the must gently; it is never pumped and is gently punched down twice a day. The fruit was hand harvested on September 21st, 2017. The wine was fermented in 1.5 and 2 ton open top fermenters for 9-12 days. The wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it finishes primary and malolactic fermentation and was aged for an extended period of 30 months in 32% new 500-liter French oak barrels. The wine was raked twice and left un-fined prior to bottling.

Past Accolades

2016 - 92+ *Wine Advocate*, (92-94) *Jeb Dunnuck*

2015 - 91 *Tanzer*, 93 *Jeb Dunnuck*

2014 - 93 *Wine Enthusiast*, 92 *Wine Spectator*,
93 *Wine Advocate*

BLEND

100% Syrah

BARREL

35% 27mm 500L
French Puncheon
30 Months in Barrel

PRODUCTION

390 cases

RELEASE

September 12, 2017

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

VINEYARDS

Red Willow



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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