

Mark Ryan

WINERY

VIOGNIER

Viognier | Yakima Valley | 2020

Winemaking Notes

The 2020 Viognier is sourced from two distinct sites both in the Yakima Valley AVA: Red Willow vineyard on the far western edge of the AVA and Olsen vineyard on the far eastern edge, close to Red Mountain. The cooler climate and exceptional site at Red Willow produces wines that offer fantastic floral notes and citrus flavors. The warmer climate and great south facing slopes at Olsen produce wines with ripe melon and tropical fruit characteristics. The 2020 viognier spent 6 months being aged in 44% stainless steel, 27% concrete egg, 19% new French oak and 10% used French oak. Fermenting and aging in stainless steel creates a wine with incredible aromatic purity and preserves bright citrus flavors. The concrete delivers exceptional mouthfeel, like an oak barrel, with beautifully clean aromatics similar to stainless steel. The addition of new French oak adds subtle layers of sweet barrel spice with increased depth and texture on the palate. While the used oak component offers great mouthfeel. Hand harvested between September 16th and September 25th, 2020 the wine is fermented dry over a period of 3 months at low temperatures. Keeping the fermentation temperature low helps preserve the delicate aromatics found in viognier. During this time the wine is gently stirred to suspend the lees and improve the mouthfeel.

Past Accolades

2019 - 91 *Wine Advocate*

2018 - 90 *Wine Advocate*, (92-93) *Jeb Dunnuck*

2017 - 90 *Tanzer*

2016 - 90 *Wine Advocate*, 90 *Tanzer*

BLEND

100% Viognier

BARREL

44% Stainless Steel,
27% Concrete Egg,
19% New French Oak,
10% Used French Oak
6 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

560 cases

RELEASE

April 2021

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley AVA

VINEYARDS

Red Willow
Olsen

MATURITY WINDOW

2021-2024



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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