

# WATER WITCH

Red Blend | Red Mountain | 2018



# Winemaking Notes

In 2012, we partnered with Quintessence Vineyards to plant a 13.6 acre block on the south slope of Red Mountain. No expense was spared in the design and development of the site. We worked hand-in-hand with the Quintessence Vineyard team to transform the 13.6 acre site into a world-class vineyard through meticulous site selection, variety and clone selection, and vine density and orientation. This team effort culminated in the reincarnation of one of the original wines in the Mark Ryan lineup: Water Witch. After carefully selecting the top performing blocks in the 13.6 acre vineyard, we are very excited with the results. Great care is taken in the cellar to gently handle the must, which is never pumped and is punched down twice a day to create gentle extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is lightly pressed to barrel where it will age for 21 months in 80% new French oak.

### Past Accolades

2017: 90 WA, 92 W&S, (93-95) JD

2016: 92+ WA, 92 WE, 92 TZ, 93 JD

2015: 90 WA, 91 WE, 91 WS, 92 TZ, 94 JD

2014: 91 WA, 90 WE, 90 WS, 94 W&S

#### BLEND

71% Cabernet Sauvignon 24% Merlot 4% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit Verdot

#### **BARREL**

80% 22mm French Chateau Ferré Thin Stave 21 months in barrel

#### **PRODUCTION**

600 Cases

#### RELEASE

February 5, 2021

#### APPELLATION

Red Mountain AVA

## VINEYARDS

Quintessence

#### MATURITY WINDOW

2021-2033

