# Maik Ryan 

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 WگSS, (93-95) JD
2016: 92+ WA, 92 WE, 92 TZ, 93 JD
2015: 90 WA, 91 WE, 91 WS, 92 TZ, 94 JD
2014: $91 \mathrm{WA}, 90 \mathrm{WE}, 90 \mathrm{WS}, 94 \mathrm{WES}$

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

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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