

2006 Grand Reve Collaboration Series IV

The medium purple-colored 2006 Collaboration Series IV is a blend of 70% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12 % Cabernet Franc aged in French and American oak. The wine was made by Carolyn Lakewold. It exhibits a nose of cedar, incense, herbs, violets, and a confiture of black currants. Medium-bodied and elegant on the palate, it has layers of fruit, incipient complexity, good volume and concentration, and some tannin to resolve. Give it 4-6 years of additional cellaring and drink it through 2026. Grand Reve Vintners is a collaboration between Paul McBride and Ryan Johnson to grow grapes and produce wine focused on the Red Mountain AVA. They are planting the first hillside vineyard in Red Mountain on the slopes above Col Solare at 955 to 1230 feet of elevation. I visited the site in June, 2010, and it is a remarkable piece of work. The winemaking is in the hands of five top local winemakers, Ben Smith (Collaboration I)...

- Jay S Miller (August, 2010)