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2006 Grand Reve Grand Reve Ptera

The 2006 The Unnamed (at least for the moment) is composed of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Syrah. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it offers up an inviting perfume of Asian spices, incense, violets, smoked meat, blueberry, and black cherry. Succulent, long, and structured, it offers a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2021. Force Majeure, for the first part of its brief history, was known as Grande Reve until the threat of a lawsuit resulted in the name change. The new releases from Force Majeure are superb and immediately vault the winery into the top ranks of Washington (and American) producers. Until the estate vineyard (to be known as Force Majeure Vineyard) comes into full production, the fruit is sourced from the esteemed Ciel du Cheval Vineyard where partner Ryan Johnson is in charge of viticulture. Tel. (425) 890-3095

- Jay S Miller (August, 2011)