

## 2007 Grand Reve Collaboration Series IV

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The 2007 Collaboration IV was made by Carolyn Lakewold. It is made up of 100% Merlot from free run juice from 1975 and 1994 plantings and was aged in French and American oak. Expressive aromas of dried herbs, spices, violets, cassis, and black currant inform the nose of a savory, ripe, voluminous wine with impeccable balance. It has the structure to evolve for 2-3 years and will be at its best from 2012 to 2022. 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)**