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2007 Grand Reve Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (100%) was jointly made by Mark McNeilly and Ross Michel. Opaque purple in color, it surrenders a stunning bouquet of pain grille, pencil lead, licorice, espresso, Asian spices, truffle, and black currant. Full-bodied, dense, and plush, this impeccably balanced, powerful yet elegant offering will evolve for at least another 6-8 years and live to see its 25th birthday without difficulty. It is one of the stars of the vintage. (Not yet released)

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) making a Cabernet blend, Ross Michel...

- Jay S Miller (August, 2010)