

2008 Grand Reve Collaboration Series III

The 2008 Collaboration III was made by Mark McNeilly. It is 100% Ciel du Cheval Syrah aged in 34% new oak for 15 months. Earthy minerals, smoked meat, game, lavender, plum, and blueberry notes are followed by a dense, succulent, plush wine that marries power and elegance. This nicely proportioned wine will be at its best from 2012 to 2020. 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)