



2010 COLLABORATION SERIES IV

Blend: 75% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Cooperage: 50% New French and American Oak,

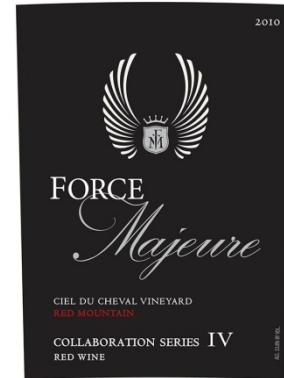
Winemaker: Carolyn Lakewold

Viticulture: Force Majeure **Vineyard:** Ciel du Cheval

Alcohol: 13.8% **Cases Produced:** 200

Retail Price: \$58.00/btl **Wholesale:** \$40.60/btl

Allocation Level: 10 Cases



The 2010 Collaboration Series IV is a Merlot-dominant Bordeaux-styled blend made by winemaker Carolyn Lakewold from some of the oldest and most treasured Merlot vines at Ciel du Cheval. Using only 100% free-run juice Carolyn crafts a wine that is rich and complex, balancing European stylistic influences and Red Mountain character. “The 2010 Collaboration Series IV is a Merlot-dominated blend that’s made by Carolyn Lakewold of Donedei Wines. The stated goal with this cuvee is to straddle the line between old-world and New World in style, and while I’m not sure how close they got to that mark, I can say that it’s certainly a beautiful wine. Possessing an inky purple color as well as an up-front, intense bouquet of black and blue fruits, violets, licorice, leather and liquid flowers, it flows onto the palate with a full-bodied, hedonistically styled texture that carries solid freshness and plenty of framing tannin that emerges on the finish...a plush, downright sexy effort that’s hard to resist. It should have over a decade of evolution. Drink now-2023. **94** pts –JD [Wine Advocate](#)