



2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Force Majeure Vineyard

Overview

Force Majeure Vineyards produces small quantities of Bordeaux- and Rhone-based wines from Eastern Washington's celebrated Red Mountain AVA. Launched by Paul and Susan McBride in 2004 under the name Grand Reve Vintners, the winery has been making highly-acclaimed, terroir-driven wines under the Force Majeure moniker since the 2009 vintage. The winery achieved critical praise for its Collaboration Series that featured fruit from the iconic Ciel de Cheval vineyard vinified by some of Washington's top winemakers. In 2010 Force Majeure began producing wine from their Estate Vineyard, a steep, rocky site on the upper slopes of Red Mountain. In 2014, the winery hired Todd Alexander - a talented winemaker who had previously worked at Napa Valley's Bryant Family Vineyard - to serve as head winemaker and general manager.



Vineyard and Winemaking

Our Estate Force Majeure vineyard was the first planting on the steep, upper slopes of Red Mountain. Its nine distinct soil types were formed by ancient floods, winds and volcanic activity. To accommodate the complexity of the soils and terrain, the vineyard was divided into 26 micro-blocks. All varieties, clonal selections, trellising and irrigation systems were carefully matched to the conditions of each individual block.

Tasting Notes

Our flagship wine, this bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the distinctive character of our Estate vineyard. It is quite dark with a powerful bouquet marked by cedar, earth and black fruit. The flavors are rich, concentrated and complete. The generous underpinnings of tannins are woven discreetly into the wine's finish. This big, rich, commanding Cabernet will continue to improve over the next decade.

Technical Data

Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA	Red Mountain
Vineyard	Force Majeure
Cooperage	100% new French oak
Winemaker	Chris Gorman
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	200
Website	fm-wine.com