



2011 Collaboration Series V

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

The 2011 Collaboration Series V came from the oldest and most hallowed rows of Cabernet Sauvignon at Ciel du Cheval. These same vines provided the fruit for our famed 2007 Reserve Cabernet. Made in collaboration with Chris Gorman, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon was aged for 20 months in 100% new French Taransaud barrels.

Tasting Notes

This Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates why the Ciel du Cheval vineyard is so revered. Aromatically it is a large, high-toned wine with layers of perfume, cedar, earth and fruit. On the palate it is firm and tight with crisp acids and moderate tannins. The weight and structure of this Cabernet suggest it will evolve and improve for many years to come.

Technical Data

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| Blend | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| AVA | Red Mountain |
| Vineyard | Ciel du Cheval |
| Cooperage | 100% new French Oak |
| Winemaker | Chris Gorman |
| Alcohol | 15.3% |
| Cases | 120 |
| Website | fm-wine.com |