



2012 Viognier Collaboration Series

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 2012 Viognier combines fruit from our Estate Force Majeure vineyard (70%) and the Ciel du Cheval vineyard (30%). Winemakers Mark McNeilly and Mike MacMorran aged the wine in a combination of concrete vats and neutral French oak barrels to develop richness while preserving the floral freshness of the fruit.

Tasting Notes

Our goal with the 2012 Viognier was to capture the character and purity of Viognier from the higher elevations of Red Mountain. It is lively and understated with traces of peaches, pears and lime blossoms. The flavors are rich, but not overbearing. This is an elegant Viognier with evocative aromatics and superb balance.

Technical Data

Blend	100% Viognier
AVA	Red Mountain
Vineyard	70% Force Majeure, 30% Ciel du Cheval
Cooperage	70% Concrete and 30% Neutral French Oak
Winemaker	Mark McNeilly and Mike MacMorran
Viticulture	Force Majeure
Alcohol	14.3%
Cases	145
Website	fm-wine.com