



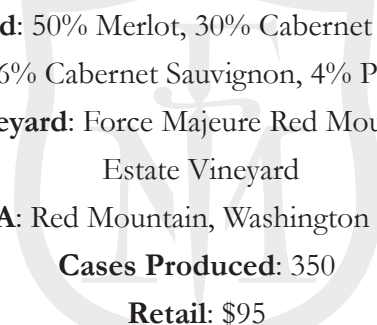
FORCE *Majeure*

2015 FORCE MAJEURE ÉPINETTE

Our Red Mountain Right-bank Bordeaux inspired blend, “Épinette,” spent 22 months in 75% new French oak after a long maceration and fermentation in both concrete and stainless steel vats. The blend changes each vintage, either being dominated by Merlot or Cabernet Franc, but in 2015 it is driven by Merlot grown in deep, loamy soils found in the heart of our vineyard. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

“The Merlot-dominated cuvee is the 2015 Épinette, and it’s blended with 30% Cabernet Franc, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot in 2015. Spending 30 days on skin and aged all in barrel, it’s another rich, structured, tannic 2015 that has a wealth of fruit, notes of plums, chocolate, licorice and scorched earth, with full-bodied weight and power on the palate.”

(93-95) points, Jeb Dunnuck, *The Wine Advocate*



Blend: 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc,
16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot
Vineyard: Force Majeure Red Mountain
Estate Vineyard
AVA: Red Mountain, Washington State
Cases Produced: 350
Retail: \$95