



# FORCE *Majeure*

## 2020 FORCE MAJEURE SYRAH

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Our Red Mountain estate Syrah is grown predominantly at the top of our hillside vineyard, where it is steepest and rockiest. The vines must put down deep roots to gather moisture and nutrients, and the soil helps to create a powerful but elegant wine with a volcanic soil backbone. There are a variety of Syrah clones and trellising methods employed, including gobelet sur echalas. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

“Impressive red and blue fruits, as well as graphite and chalky minerality all emerge from the glass, and it’s full-bodied, balanced, and concentrated, while staying light on its feet and balanced. It has serious tannins and will demand bottle age.”

– Jeb Dunnuck 93-96 points

“Boasting notes of dried blackberry, sliced blue plum, cracked peppercorn, dried mountain sagebrush, dried meat, and just a hint of tar and violet flower to finish things off. Showcasing a stunning dark ruby/purple core with a neon pink rim, it delivers ample acidity and an earthy and green-olive finish that goes on for ages. Highly recommended.”

- 96 points, Jeremy Young, *International Wine Report*



98% Syrah | 2% Viognier  
22% whole cluster,  
Fermented in concrete

18 months in 25% new French oak, large format

Red Mountain AVA

100% free run

Release price: \$85 / 750ML

520 cases produced