

2020 FORCE MAJEURE ÉPINETTE

Our Red Mountain Right-bank Bordeaux inspired blend, "Épinette," spent a long maceration and fermentation in both concrete and stainless steel vats and was aged in French oak barrels. The blend changes each vintage, either being dominated by Merlot or Cabernet Franc. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

The 2020 Epinette checks in as mostly Merlot but includes 26% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Petit Verdot. Still resting in 70% new barrels, it has a beautiful blue and black-fruited profile as well as full-bodied aromas and flavors of bouquet garni, chocolate, and tobacco. With classic Red Mountain minerality as well as plenty of mid-palate depth, it's a plush, round, opulent red blend that will keep for 15 years in cold cellars.

91-94 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com



53% Merlot | 25% Cabernet Franc
19% Cabernet Sauvignon | 3% Petit Verdot
Fermented in concrete
and stainless closed top tanks
Aged in 65% new French oak
Red Mountain AVA

100% free run Release price \$150 / 750mL 250 cases produced