



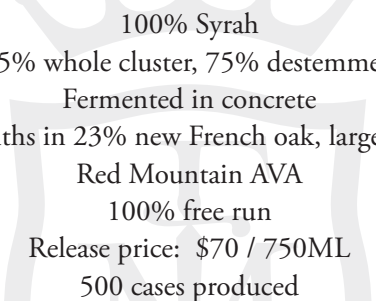
FORCE *Majeure*

2017 FORCE MAJEURE SYRAH

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.

“Bright, full medium ruby. Youthfully tight aromas of blackberry, blueberry and licorice. At once sweet, precise and fine-grained, with the black fruit flavors lifted by underlying minerality and a floral element. This very fresh, northern Rhône-like Syrah conveys an element of liquid rock without being gamey. Tactile tannins dust the front teeth on the long back end. Very impressive.”

– Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous Media*



100% Syrah
25% whole cluster, 75% destemmed
Fermented in concrete
18 months in 23% new French oak, large format
Red Mountain AVA
100% free run
Release price: \$70 / 750ML
500 cases produced