

Force Majeure Epinette

Force Majeure Vineyards

United States - Washington - Red Mountain

Epinette is Force Majeure's Right-bank Bordeaux-inspired blend, and was named after an avenue in Libourne (France) that leads to Pomerol and Saint-Émilion, the home of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Epinette is also the name of a musical instrument akin to a piano, as well as a word for pine tree, which is a fitting nod to their home in Washington state. The wine itself is a blend of primarily Merlot and Cabernet Franc, with smaller amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, proportions of which change depending on the vintage. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc are grown in lower areas of the vineyard with deep, well-drained soils, much less rocky than the soils of our Rhone varietals.



Specifications

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| Appellation | Red Mountain |
| Varietals | 46% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot (2016) / 55% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot (2017) |
| Soil type | Deep, well-drained soils |
| Vinification | Fermented in concrete and stainless closed top tanks. /> Aging 22 months in 60% new French oak Native yeast, 3-5 day cold soaks, up to 25 day macerations. /> Merlot and Franc received more punch-downs while Cabernet received more pumpovers. 100% free run |
| Production | 372 (9-liter cases) |

Codes, Weights and Measures

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| UPC | 7 84585 02572 5 |
| Units/Case | 12 |
| Unit Size | 750 mL |
| Container | bottle |
| SCC | 1 07 84585 02572 2 |
| Case Weight | 40 |
| ABV | 14.90% |
| SRP | \$ 113.99 USD 750mL Bottle |

Reviews and News

2018 Force Majeure Epinette - 97 pts - JD
2017 Force Majeure Epinette - 95+ pts - JD
2017 Force Majeure Epinette - 93 PTS - VINOUS

2016 Force Majeure Epinette - 96+ pts - JD

2016 Force Majeure Epinette - 94 pts - VINOUS