

2017 PÈRE AMI



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The second vintage of Père Ami, a red blend, is dedicated to Jim Bernau's Father, Fred Bernau. Père Ami, translated to "Father Friend," is sourced from the Umpqua Valley where Fred was a small town lawyer, as well as a big believer in the future of Oregon wine. He helped re-establish Oregon's wine industry in the early 1960s when he assisted Richard Sommer of HillCrest Vineyard in getting the first winery license post-prohibition.

## 2017 Vintage

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After a few dry winters, the 2016-2017 winter provided ample rain and snowpack statewide. The winter gave way to a relatively cool and wet spring compared to the last few years. A warm early September accelerated fruit development, but was slowed by a cool down mid-month. 2017 ended with near average to slightly higher than average sugar and acid levels with many touting beautiful flavors and well-balanced fruit.

## Vineyards

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The 2017 Père Ami is a blend of some of the most prized grapes in the Umpqua Valley; Delfino Vineyard & Marshanne Landing Vineyard. All vineyards are sustainably farmed and Salmon-Safe.

## Winemaking Notes

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All the fruit was gently destemmed and sorted into open top fermenters with 80% whole berries. A five-day cold soak under controlled temperatures took place, after which the individual lots were inoculated with selected commercial yeasts. Fermentation bins were punched down twice daily, with temperatures never reaching above 80° F. After 21 days of maceration, each lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in 228-liter French oak barrels for 19 months; 19% of these barrels were new. This 2017 vintage is a blend of 45% Tempranillo, 36% Syrah and 19% Grenache.

## Technical Data

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APPELLATION: Umpqua Valley  
HARVEST DATES: October 18-19, 2017  
HARVEST STATISTICS: Brix: 23.6° Harvest Titratable Acidity: 6.23 g/L pH: 3.58  
WINE ANALYSIS: Alcohol: 14% Harvest Titratable Acidity: 5.569 g/L pH: 3.75  
CASES PRODUCED: 507 Cases  
RETAIL PRICE: \$35

## Tasting Notes

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A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Tempranillo, the wine offers aromas of cherry, raspberry, milk chocolate, caramel and vanilla and leads to a juicy entry with flavors of black cherry, blackberry, mocha and wood spice. This full-bodied wine is structured with integrated tannins, balancing acidity and incredible length on the finish.

Peak drinkability: 2020 - 2026