

# PÈRE AMI

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.

## 2021 Vintage

The spring of 2021 will be remembered for frost impacts and prolonged cool and wet conditions into mid-June. The vines were slow to recover but experienced nearly ideal conditions during bloom, leading to a much larger than anticipated fruit set. The lack of growth that we had during the cool April delayed ripening and caused a late harvest period. Harvest occurred in glorious conditions. The clear weather held throughout October and allowed the grapes to improve flavor and quality. The Pinot Noir yields were especially fruitful with great potential.

## The Vineyard

The 2021 Père Ami is a blend of some of the most prized grapes in the Umpqua Valley from Delfino Vineyard. All our vineyards are sustainably farmed and Salmon-Safe.

## Winemaking Notes

The fruit was gently destemmed and sorted into open-top fermenters with 80% whole berries and preserving the whole berry components. 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 2021 vintage is a blend of 75% Syrah and 25% Tempranillo.

## Technical Data

APPELLATION: Umpqua Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 30, 2021

HARVEST STATISTICS: Brix: 23.9° Harvest Titratable Acidity: 5.128 g/L pH: 3.69

WINE ANALYSIS: Alcohol: 13.9% Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.695 g/L pH: 3.95

CASES PRODUCED: 301

## Tasting Notes

A blend of Syrah and Tempranillo, the wine offers rich aromas of black cherry, licorice, nutmeg and barrel notes. On the palate, the wine features fig, dried cranberry, baking spice and toasted hazelnut. This full-bodied wine is structured with firm tannins, balancing acidity and incredible length on the finish.  
Peak drinkability: 2022 - 2029

