Tesseron Estate

Tesseron Estate Pym-Rae 2019 is a bold and sophisticated expression of Mount Veeder in Napa Valley, combining power, elegance, and finesse from biodynamically farmed vineyards.

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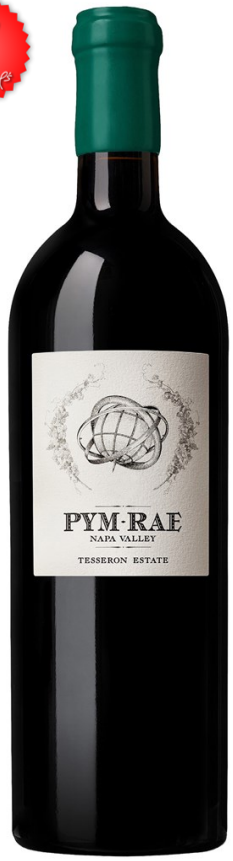

Pym-Rae 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Pym-Rae comes from vineyards perched at altitudes ranging between **1640 and 1968 feet** on Mount Veeder in Napa Valley, an area known for its steep slopes and unique microclimates. The **32-acre vineyard** spans sedimentary soils composed of **sandstone, shale, and volcanic tuff**, contributing to the wine's complexity and minerality.

The 2019 growing season began with abundant rains, replenishing the clay-rich soils. A warm summer followed, with misty mornings and no significant heatwaves, leading to a long, balanced ripening period. Harvest took place between **October 2nd and October 19th**, ensuring optimal fruit maturity and freshness.

Winemaking

The grapes were handpicked and sorted manually before destemming. Fermentation occurred in **round concrete tanks** with a capacity of **264 gallons**, promoting a gentle extraction of flavors and maintaining freshness.

The wine was aged for **16 to 18 months**, with **55% in new French oak barrels** to enhance structure and complexity, and **45% in concrete tanks** to preserve the purity of fruit. This dual ageing method adds layers of texture and balance to the final wine.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet with purple hues.
- **Aroma**: Intense notes of **blackcurrant**, **blueberries**, and **plum**, interwoven with hints of **cedar**, **spices**, and a touch of **graphite**.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and opulent, with **silky tannins** and vibrant acidity. Flavors of **dark berries**, **mocha**, and **earthy undertones** unfold seamlessly, leading to a long, layered finish.

Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot

Did you know?

The name **Pym-Rae** honors the estate's previous owner, actor Robin Williams, and the vineyard's original name. The Tesseron Family's commitment to **biodynamic farming** ensures that the vineyard remains a legacy of sustainability and excellence.

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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Entrecôte à la Bordelaise**: The wine's structure and tannins complement the richness of a red wine reduction.
- **Lamb Tagine with Prunes and Almonds**: The fruit-forward profile and spice notes enhance the savory-sweet flavors of the dish.
- **Wild Mushroom Risotto**: The earthy undertones of the wine pair beautifully with the umami-rich mushrooms.
- **Aged Gouda**: The wine's vibrant acidity and dark fruit balance the nutty, caramelized intensity of the cheese.

Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2019)

The 2019 Pym-Rae is made up of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Merlot, all aged in a combination of 45% new French oak barriques and small (260-gallon) concrete tanks. Impressively ripe and concentrated, it offers scents of cassis, violet and hints of dark chocolate on the nose, while the full-bodied palate is silky-smooth, framed by dusty tannins on the long, focused finish. Yes, it's somewhat Bordeaux-like in shape, but it's fully ripe, with black cherries emerging on the finish, along with the slightest touch of alcoholic warmth.