

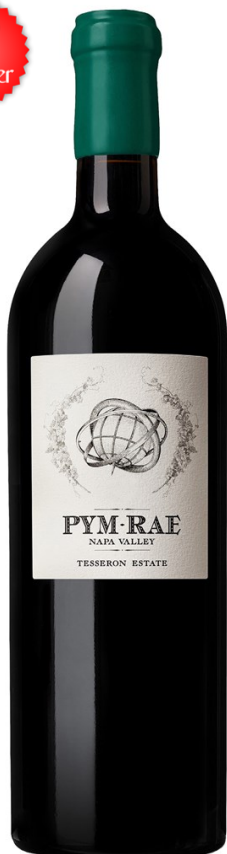


## Tesseron Estate

Crafted by the Tesson Family, this Bordeaux-inspired blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot exudes intensity and elegance, showcasing the unique qualities of Napa Valley's high-altitude vineyards.



97  
Decanter



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 76% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 7%  
Cabernet Franc

### Pym-Rae 2017

California, USA

#### Region and Vineyards

The **Pym-Rae vineyard** is situated on Mount Veeder in Napa Valley, spanning **32 acres** at elevations ranging from **1640 to 1968 feet**. This high-altitude vineyard, with blocks positioned at varying elevations, benefits from a cooler microclimate, protecting the grapes during extreme weather events. The sedimentary **limestone soils** provide excellent drainage and contribute to the wine's signature minerality.

The **2017 growing season** began with a wet and cold winter, leading to a delayed start in the vines' growth cycle. A warm, sunny summer followed, interrupted by intense heatwaves in early September with temperatures exceeding **110°F**. Fortunately, the vineyard's altitude moderated the effects of the heat, ensuring the grapes retained their balance and freshness. However, late-season wildfires impacted parts of the region, with the **Cabernet Franc** from this vineyard excluded from the final blend.

#### Winemaking

The grapes were **handpicked into small crates** to preserve their integrity and quality, followed by **manual sorting and destemming**. Fermentation took place in **264-gallon round concrete tanks**, which allowed for a gentle extraction of flavors while maintaining freshness and complexity.

The wine was aged for **16 months**, with **70% in new French oak barrels** to build structure and complexity, and **30% in concrete tanks** to preserve the purity of fruit and freshness. This combination ensures a harmonious and layered profile.

#### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with ruby highlights.
- **Aroma:** Intense and layered, featuring **blackcurrants, plums, and dark cherries**, complemented by hints of **cedar, tobacco, and earthy spices**.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and powerful, with **silky tannins** and vibrant acidity. Flavors of **dark berries, mocha, and minerality** unfold gracefully, leading to a long, balanced finish.



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## Did You Know?

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The name **Pym-Rae** pays homage to the estate's previous owner, actor Robin Williams, and the vineyard's original name. The 2017 vintage, though challenging, is a testament to the resilience of the vines and the precision of biodynamic farming.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Côte de Bœuf avec Sauce aux Champignons:** The wine's bold structure and tannins enhance the richness and umami of the beef and mushrooms.
- **Navarin d'Agneau aux Herbes de Provence:** The earthy and herbal notes of the dish complement the wine's complexity.
- **Cassoulet de Castelnaudary:** The wine's acidity and dark fruit balance the hearty, savory textures of this classic dish.
- **Cheddar Vieilli:** The wine's intensity and fruit profile pair beautifully with the sharpness and creaminess of aged cheddar.



### Decanter (DCT) : 97 Points (2017)

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*Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Pym-Rae leaps from the glass with bold notions of black cherries, mulberries, plum preserves and dark chocolate with an opulent undercurrent of Indian spices, potpourri, sandalwood and cinnamon stick. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with rich, seductive black fruit preserves and an explosion of exotic spice sparks, framed by firm yet beautifully plush tannins and fantastic tension, finishing very long and achingly fragrant. Possessing loads more weight and mid-palate density than a lot of 2017s, this second showing is an absolute knock-out. Due to strict selection, only around 1500 cases were made this year.*



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