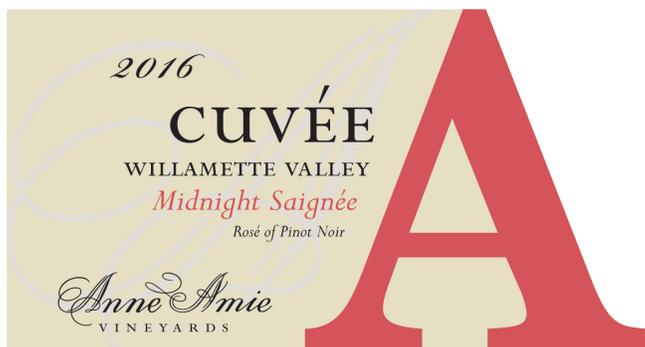


**2016 Anne Amie Cuvée A
Midnight Saignée Rosé of Pinot Noir
Yamhill-Carlton AVA**

Harvest
September 2016

Production
1271 cases

Release Date
April 2017



Varietal Composition
100% Pinot noir

Vineyards
Anne Amie Estate
Twelve Oaks Estate

Soil Types
Willakenzie
Laurelwood

AVA – Willamette Valley

Alcohol – 12.5%

Total Acidity – 7.5 g/L

pH - 3.11

Residual Sugar – 0.44%

Anne Amie is fully committed to sustainable farming and winemaking. The Anne Amie winery and all Anne Amie Estate Vineyards are Salmon Safe or LIVE certified.

Midnight Saignée is a dry, deeply fruity wine, layered with complex Pinot noir character. A saignée requires timing and balance, and like much of harvest, the right moment often occurs late at night. We produce a limited amount of this wine each year, using the saignée technique and fermenting in neutral French oak barrels.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand-picked and brought directly to the winery in 1/2 ton totes in perfect condition. They were meticulously hand sorted on a shaker table then destemmed into 2-ton open top, stainless steel fermenters. The must was cold-soaked for five days. On the 2nd day of the cold soak all Pinot noir fermenters received a saignée (bleeding off a small percentage of juice) in order to concentrate flavors (and control alcohol levels). This rosé wine is a blend of all of our pinot noir saignée lots representing multiple vineyards and AVAs. Each lot was racked to neutral French oak barrels and barrel fermented using multiple yeast cultures. It was fermented to dryness and allowed to remain on the lees until blending. Each barrel was evaluated and only the finest were selected.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

2016 was the earliest bud break and first pick we've witnessed at Anne Amie Vineyards. The year started much like the beginning of 2015, with an early bud break around the 1st of April. We came through the normal April showers into a beautiful dry and warm May. The heat was on, the rains were average, and we had a lot of fast shoot growth. It was a rush to keep up with shoot thinning needed to keep the canopy open, to allow more airflow and control having too much crop per foot of vine. There are usually 25 or so management passes made through our vineyards every year. Historically we have had 5.5 months to accomplish this work, but in the last two vintages, it has been compressed down to 4.5 months. Flowering begins at the Estate Vineyard and ends at Twelve Oaks Estate. The new norm seems to be a late May bloom. Even though we had an unusually warm spring and early bud break, moderate summer conditions with fewer heat spikes led to a cooler year than either the 2014 or 2015 vintages. Crop yields are slightly lower this year than the last few years, due to a heat spike at flowering and a little desiccation later in August, plus a reduced berry size attributed to almost 15% smaller clusters than normal. It was a perfect scenario for a higher concentration of flavors.

Our first pick this year was August 26th for our sparkling wines. Some rains came in early September which gave the vines a much needed drink and allowed us over a week to stage things in the winery for the harvest of the still wines, beginning on September 12th. It cooled down into the 60's and 70's for most of the remainder of September, which gave us the opportunity to bring the fruit in at relatively relaxed pace. Our last pick, the Muller-Thurgau for the dessert wines, was picked on October 11th. Many Oregon wineries reported their grapes needed to be harvested all at once this year, however, for us, the differences in growing conditions between our Anne Amie Estate and Twelve Oaks Estate allowed us to pick at a relaxed pace. Having 100% estate grown fruit for our wines has really been a blessing in these warmer vintages. There is a marked concentration and density in the Pinot noir this year because of the naturally occurring smaller berry size. The 2016 wines show deep color, aromas and flavors. The wines from 2016 will resemble the best qualities of both 2014 and 2015, with the concentration of 2014 and the acidity and grace of 2015.

AROMA

red raspberry, pie cherry, strawberries and cream, baking spice, blood orange

FLAVOR

Oregon strawberries, black pepper, pie cherry

FINISH

long, dry, acid driven

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

grilled shrimp, hard cheeses, salumi, popcorn, bacon wrapped dates, chèvre, friends, a beautiful day

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