

2017 Division Winemaking Co. “Yama” American Sparkling Wine

Mae's Vineyard, Applegate Valley AVA

Willard Farms, Columbia Valley AVA

Vintage Family Farms, Elkton Oregon AVA

The 2017 vintage in Oregon offered a unique opportunity to explore terroir from the sky!

Tom and Kate both love the Quady North Mae's Vineyard in the Applegate Valley AVA in southern Oregon. They've worked with Quady grapes as components (or single players) in their Division Cabernet Franc, as well as in Kate's Gamine Syrah.

Herb Quady has become one of the (if not the) best growers in the region. Herb grew up in the family of the famed Quady Winery in California's Central Valley. Later, Herb became the vineyard manager for Randall Graham's Bonny Doon wine empire before coming north to Oregon with his sights on applying organic farming techniques to a region with mostly undiscovered vineyard potential. His Mae's Vineyard block slopes southeast into the Applegate Valley in what can only be said as one the prettiest spots we've seen in the state. Loamy/clay and marine sediment overlay sits on top of a large granite slab (yes granite!), which makes this a truly distinctive site to work with. We picked our Grenache with acidity in mind, and fresh, vibrant flavors and weight.

In 2017, we added small percentages of Chenin Blanc and Aligoté from Columbia Valley and Elkton Oregon (respectively) to our Grenache to make this méthode ancestrale American Sparkling Wine. This Pétillant (sparkling) truly and transparently represents the 2017 growing season, and the influence of several regional wildfires, as well as the magic of natural primary fermentation in bottle.

Delicate, palest of pinks in the glass, Yama delivers fascinating, savory notes on the nose, a gentle bead, the raciness of the 2017 vintage alongside a hint of wildfire. To us, these are playful bubbles, something so curiously delicious and raw that you can't help but pour a second glass.



Alc - 12.9%, pH 3.15, 118 cases produced