

# Priam Vineyards

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## — Story —

Priam Vineyards was founded in 1998 by Gloria Priam and Gary Crump. They started with the intent of being growers, but quickly escalated to a winery as they realized the quality of grapes being grown from their land. In 2002, Priam Vineyards became a licensed farm winery, and opened to begin marketing their wines in April of 2003.

Of the fourteen wines produced, each has been awarded at least one, if not several medals in international competition. Priam's international award winning wines are produced in the style of Northern France and Germany. Our vineyards' 40 acre farm sits in the Salmon River Watershed, in the historic town of Colchester, with 22 acres of grapes in production, and a breathtaking view of the CT countryside.

We benefit from the unique microclimate of the hills of New London County, where we grow and hand pick classic European varietals. The rich gravelly soil, sloping hillside and constant breeze provide the perfect climate for these varietals.

To help reduce the impact on the environment, the winery was built into the hillside at the base of the vineyard. It was designed specifically to make use of the earth's cool temperature in the wine cellar, and to use gravity to feed juice from the crush pad to the tanks. As environmentalists, we practice sustainable agriculture, propagating bluebirds to help maintain our healthy vineyard, and are presently exploring the installation of a windmill or solar energy panels to produce our own electricity.



## — Facts —

- Established: 1998
- Owners: Gloria Priam, Gary Crump
- Winemaker: Gary Crump
- Acres: 40
- Varietals: European varietals: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay, Riesling, Muscat and Merlot as well as French-American hybrids: Cayuga and St. Croix.
- Awards: 2003-2009 - International Eastern Wine Competition, Gold, Silver & Bronze medals  
2007-2009 - Amenti Del Vino Eastern States Wine Competition, Double Gold, Gold, Silver & Bronze medals  
2003-2009 - Amenti Del Vino International Commercial Wine Competition, Gold, Silver & Bronze medals

## — Wines —

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| Jeremy River White       | Riesling              | Salmon River Red     |
| Salmon River White       | Gewurztraminer        | Salmon River Red PV  |
| Blackledge White         | Blackledge Rosé       | Westchester Red      |
| Cayuga                   | Late Harvest Riesling | Essence of St. Croix |
| Barrel Select Chardonnay | St. Croix             |                      |

