



2015 Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir



The Eileen Vineyard is named for Cristom's co-founder, Eileen Gerrie, mother of second-generation winegrower-owner Tom Gerrie. Original planting of the Eileen Vineyard began in 1997 and was later expanded in 2006, resulting in a total of 16.61 acres, (6.72 hectares) and making Eileen our largest estate vineyard. Perched atop the Cristom estate, Eileen is also our highest-elevation vineyard, possessing commanding views of Oregon's Cascade Range to the east, and Coastal Range to the west. Eileen's maritime climate features moderately warm days with especially cool nights, allowing the vines to retain acidity and produce intense aromas and flavors.

"Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2015 Pinot Noir Eileen gives bold raspberry preserves and red currant jelly notes with suggestions of chargrill meat, truffles, forest floor and cedar. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers a solid backbone of grainy tannins and loads of freshness supporting the generous, muscular fruit, finishing with great persistence."

94+ points, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, August 2017

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE



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Hand harvested and hand sorted fruit, 42% whole clusters

Minimum effective additions of sulfur and tartaric acid, Native yeast fermentations, 1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-7 ton open-top fermenters

Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press, moved to barrel by gravity and never racked, unless necessary

Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel

Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 14% **TA** 5.6 g/L **pH** 3.64

CLONES Dijon (113, 114, 115, 777), Pommard, Wädenswil

BOTTLED May 2, 2017 **PRODUCTION** 1043 cases

COOPERAGE

18 months in French oak, 56% new

36% Tonnellerie François Frères

16% Seguin Moreau

12% Sirugue

8% Tonnellerie Meyrieux

8% Tonnellerie de Mercurey

8% Tonnellerie Remond

4% Tonnellerie Rousseau

4% Tonnellerie Cavin

4% Tonnellerie O.

Vintage Notes In 2015, the Pinot Noir vines got off to a warm and dry start with the earliest budbreak (March!) ever recorded at our estate – a full 3 weeks earlier than our twenty-five-year average. Warmth continued through spring, leading to bloom beginning in most blocks at the end of May – also the earliest ever recorded at the estate. The warm, dry weather during flowering was prime for yielding a heavy fruit set, and the vineyard produced sizeable clusters with large berries. These ideal growing conditions created the rare combination of abundant quantity and exceptional quality fruit, producing intensely fragrant and energetic wines that show a blend of depth, concentration and nuance.



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