



2015 Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir



The Jessie Vineyard, established in 1994, after the Gerrie family saw great potential in planting a steep, wooded, east-facing hillside to a variety of Pinot Noir clones. Ranging in elevation from 320 ft to 550 ft (98 m to 168 m), this 11.53 acre (4.67 hectare) site is one of the steepest planted in Oregon, and the most challenging to farm on the Cristom Estate. Jessie is strategically planted at a high density of 2,311 vines per acre (5,710 vines/hectare), based on the philosophy that dense planting creates competition among neighboring vines, and forces the roots deep into the topsoil, yielding smaller clusters and producing more concentrated flavors.

"Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2015 Pinot Noir Jessie Vineyard is scented of kirsch, mulberries and raspberry tart with underlying Chinese five spice, hoisin and mossy bark hints. Medium-bodied, there's a very seductive mid-palate of red berry and exotic spice flavors, supported by velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with spicy layers."

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

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE



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Hand harvested and hand sorted fruit, 49% whole clusters

Minimum effective additions of sulfur and tartaric acid, Native yeast fermentations, 1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-5 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 14.1% TA 5.6 g/L pH 3.7

CLONES Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777) & Pommard

BOTTLED April 28, 2017 PRODUCTION 1,006 cases

AGING 18 months in French cooperage, & 52% new oak

COOPERAGE

18 months in French oak, 52% new

39% Tonnellerie François Frères

17% Seguin Moreau

9% Sirugue

9% Tonnellerie Remond

9% Tonnellerie de Mercurey

9% Tonnellerie Atelier

4% Tonnellerie Rousseau

4% Tonnellerie Deferrari

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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