



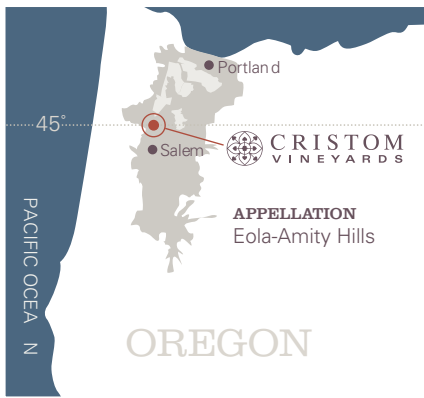
## 2018 Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir



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, with 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.

“Cristom’s Pinot Noirs have a purity of fruit, precision, balance, complexity, and elegance that put them in a class by themselves.”

– Karen MacNeil, author of *The Wine Bible*



### WINEMAKING

48% whole cluster  
100% native yeast fermentations  
1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-5 ton open-top fermenters  
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press and moved to barrel by gravity  
Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel  
Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 14%      TA 5.4 g/L      pH 3.65

### CLONES

Dijon (777, 115, 114),  
Wädenswil, and Pommard

**BOTTLED** March 9th, 2020

### AGING

17 months in  
French cooperage, 57% new oak

**PRODUCTION** 865 cases

**Vintage Notes** The 2018 growing season was one of the driest years in the agricultural history of the Willamette Valley, and the driest year in Cristom’s 27 years of farming this land. The overwhelming majority of the Cristom Estate is dry-farmed, thus creating challenges with low water availability. Fortunately, our older vines fared well, their deep roots driving down into the volcanic hillsides, seeking out the water held there. This allowed more “hang-time” for the fruit, creating brighter, blue-fruited wines. Showing surprising complexity and firm structure in their youth, these wines will age well for years to come.



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