



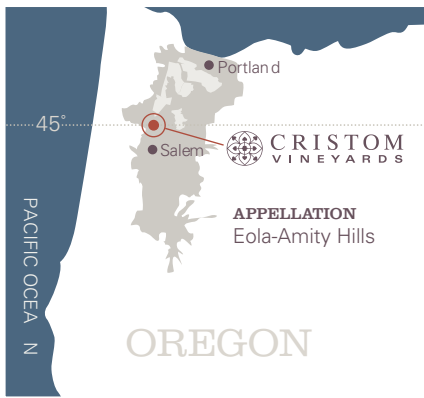
2018 Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir



The Jessie Vineyard, named for winegrower-owner Tom Gerrie’s great-grandmother Jessie Summers, was established in 1994 after the Gerrie family saw great potential in planting a steep, 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 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 amongst neighboring vines, forcing roots deeper into the topsoil to yield smaller clusters with more concentrated 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 5.0 g/L pH 3.74

CLONES

Dijon (115, 777, 113, 114), and Pommard

BOTTLED March 10th, 2020

AGING

17 months in French cooperage, 49% new oak

PRODUCTION 859 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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