



2018 Marjorie Vineyard Pinot Noir



The famed Marjorie Vineyard boasts Cristom’s oldest estate plantings, predating the company back to 1982. Named in honor of winegrower-owner Tom Gerrie’s grandmother, Marjorie is distinctive at Cristom both for being own-rooted, and for its lower-density plantings, (605 vines/acre; 1,495 vines/hectacre), with 6 feet between vines and 12 feet between rows. Because of these low density plantings, Marjorie is left with 18-22 clusters per vine, each weighing 70 - 80 grams/cluster depending on the vintage – a testament to the fact that this vineyard produces very small, highly concentrated clusters, and exceptionally dramatic wines.

“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 5.2 g/L

pH 3.63

CLONES

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

BOTTLED March 9th, 2020

AGING

17 months in

French cooperage, 67% new oak

PRODUCTION 196 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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