



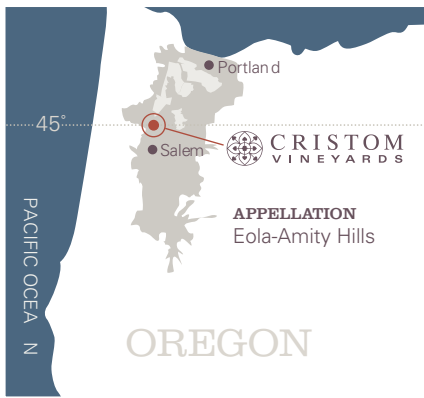
## 2018 Paul Gerrie Vineyard Pinot Noir



For over 20 years, Cristom Vineyards founder Paul Gerrie dreamt of acquiring an especially stunning 100-plus acre parcel of land that laid to the north of the original Cristom estate. Shortly before his retirement in 2012, Paul was able to secure this land – capping his legacy with Cristom Vineyards. We are proud to name the Paul Gerrie Vineyard in his honor, as it represents both the culmination of knowledge gained from over a quarter-century of farming in the Eola-Amity Hills, as well as our personal commitment towards producing estate-based wines that possess balance, intensity, and complexity.

“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

50% 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 3.65

**CLONES** Dijon (777, 115), and Pommard

**BOTTLED** March 9th, 2020

### AGING

17 months in

French cooperage, 63% new oak

**PRODUCTION** 198 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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