



2016 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

49% whole clusters of hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
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 13.7% **TA** 6.9 g/L **pH** 3.78

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

BOTTLED April 27, 2018

PRODUCTION 903 cases

COOPERAGE

18 months in French oak, 62% new

36% Tonnellerie François Frères
13% Tonnellerie de Mercurey
17% Seguin Moreau
13% Tonnellerie Remond
9% Sirugue
4% Tonnellerie Cadus
4% Tonnellerie Rousseau
4% Tonnellerie O
4% Tonnellerie Raphael Toutant

Vintage Notes Throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2016, the sun was generous and warm and our vineyards trended 2-3 weeks early at every physiological stage with budbreak in March, bloom by the end of May and Harvest within the first few days of September. We had some variable weather and heat spikes throughout bloom leading to some very small berries and clusters, and after some thinning we achieved optimal yields that lead to wines of depth, intensity and concentration. In terms of heat accumulation, 2016 was actually on the ‘cool’ side of average with 2,340 growing degree days, yet with an unprecedentedly early start to the season, heat spikes in late August pushing things forward and the small berries and low yields makes this a much darker, richer and more powerfully structured vintage than the heat accumulation would suggest.



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