

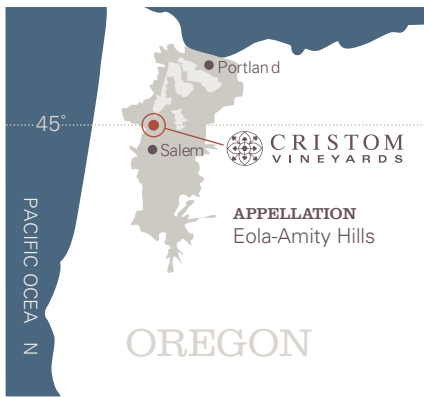
## 2018 Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir



Planted in 1993, Louise Vineyard was named for Cristom winegrower & owner Tom Gerrie’s great-grandmother, Louise Dinkelspiel. The lowest elevation Pinot Noir planting on the Cristom estate, Louise Vineyard can be distinctly separated into an “upper” and “lower” section, divided by a 150 ft. (45.7 m) slope. Because of this unique topography, Louise typically has both some of the earliest and latest fruit harvested each year; in the 2015 vintage, we recorded our earliest-ever pick date, bringing in the first estate fruit of the harvest from the Louise Vineyard on September 1st.

“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 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 3.72

### CLONES

Dijon (115, 114, 777), and Pommard

**BOTTLED** March 10th, 2020

### AGING

17 months in French cooperage, 55% new oak

**PRODUCTION** 814 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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