



2018 Mt. Jefferson Cuvée Pinot Noir



Mt. Jefferson Cuvée is a blend of Pinot Noir from the Cristom Estate vineyards, combined with exceptional fruit sourced from neighboring sites in the Eola-Amity Hills that are farmed by winegrowers we're proud to partner with. These contributing vineyards are planted across a diverse array of soil types, elevations, and aspects, each adding to the character, fruit, and structure that give "Mt. Jeff" its well-deserved reputation as one of the most stylistically-consistent Pinot Noirs in the world. Showcasing the old-world winemaking techniques that define Cristom's house style – whole-cluster fermentations by native yeast, extended aging in French oak, and no filtration – it is the Mt. Jefferson Cuvée that our winemakers craft first, after multiple tastings of every individual lot of the vintage. We're proud to offer the Mt. Jefferson Cuvée as Cristom Vineyard's flagship Pinot noir, offering tremendous complexity of flavor, approachability in its youth, and unparalleled value.

#1 Oregon Pinot Noir / Top 50 Wine Brands in America's Best Restaurants

Wine & Spirits Annual Restaurant Poll - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013

Wine Spectator 2019 Top 100 Wines of the Year: 2017 Mt. Jefferson Cuvée, 92 pts.



WINEMAKING

46% whole clusters of hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
 100% native yeast fermentations
 1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-7 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** 5.9 g/L **pH** 3.63

CLONES Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 828) Pommard & Wädenswil

BOTTLED September 9th - 13th, 2019

AGING

11 months in French cooperage,
 21% new oak

VINEYARD SOURCES

18 different vineyard sites
 including 63% Estate fruit from
 Eileen, Jessie, Louise, Marjorie,
 and Paul Gerrie Vineyard

PRODUCTION

10,200 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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