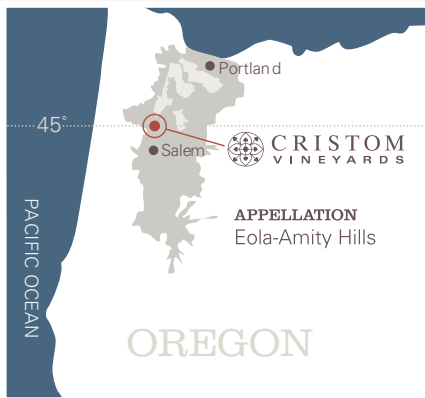




## 2019 Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir



Jessie Vineyard, first established in 1994, was named for founder Paul Gerrie's paternal grandmother Jessie Sommers Gerrie. Dramatically steep in places with a diverse range of volcanic soils and strong influence from Pacific Ocean winds, Jessie may be the most distinctive vineyard site on the Cristom estate. It is the only vineyard at Cristom that all vine rows are planted in an east-west orientation and entirely planted at 2,311 vines per acre. The dense planting creates competition amongst neighboring vines, forcing roots deeper into the soil helping to derive greater character and sense of place in the wines. The vine rows planted with the slope of the steep hillside prevents terracing and naturally helps to protect the fruit from the afternoon sun preserving bright fruit and floral aromatics. Perhaps the most challenging vineyard to farm on the Cristom estate, these 11.5 acres of Pinot Noir situated in the mid-slope of our east facing hillside, produce some of the most seductive and complex wines we craft.



### WINEMAKING

45% whole cluster  
 100% native yeast fermentations  
 1-3 punch-downs daily in 1.5-5 ton open-top fermenters  
 Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press and moved to barrel by gravity

42% new French oak  
 Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel  
 Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 13.9%      TA 5.1 g/L      pH 3.73

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

BOTTLED March 24th, 2021

PRODUCTION 769 cases

ACRES 11.53 (4.67 hectares)

ELEVATION 345 feet to 565 feet  
 (105 m to 172 m)

SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Jory, Saum, Nekia, Gelderman, Ritner and Witzel

ASPECT east; southeast

ESTABLISHED 1994

VARIETAL Pinot Noir

CLONES Pommard and Dijon clones 113, 114, 115, 667, 777

FIRST VINTAGE 1998

**Vintage Notes** Much like 2018, the 2019 vintage was one of the driest Winters and Springs ever on record. Beginning with some of the coldest weather we've had in years and lasting through March, the vintage eventually transitioned into a relatively moderate growing season, with bud break occurring near our long-term average of the first two weeks of April, and bloom the first two weeks of June. Unusual rainfall during the summer, when we're historically experiencing drought conditions, was welcomed during such a dry year, even though it can create farming challenges. We learned a great deal from the 2018 season, the driest on record, equipping us to better preserve small berries in the clusters without desiccation. Slight rains during harvest delayed the vintage slightly, but the rewards went to those who waited out the storms until dry weather the first week of October. We ended the season with 2,450 Growing Degree days (GDD), almost our exact 25-year average of 2,475 GDD, though the season seemed more temperate with the summer and harvest rains.



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