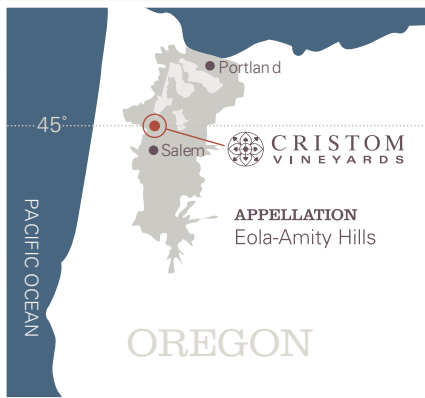




## 2019 Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir



Established in 1993, Louise Vineyard is named for Cristom Winegrower and Owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother. Planted to the lowest slopes of the Cristom estate, Louise Vineyard is one of the most geologically complex sites on the farm. A microcosm of the diversity of soils in the Eola-Amity Hills, Louise is predominantly planted over a range of volcanic soils and is the only vineyard site on the estate that is also influenced by Missoula Flood Silts further contributing to the intensity and complexity of fruit. Protected by a small forest to the west and south, Louise is more sheltered from the cold Pacific Ocean winds than the other estate vineyards, helping to soften the focused acidity in the wines. Collectively the vines stitched into the Louise Vineyard hillside are now the oldest at Cristom - more than 26-years-old - helping to bring balance, grace and a greater sense of place to the single vineyard wine. True to our commitment to craft wines from distinguished sites in the Eola Hills, Louise is now 12.3 acres of Pinot Noir and just over ½ acre of Chardonnay.



### 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  
 37% new French oak

Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel  
 Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

**ALC** 14%      **TA** 5.3 g/L      **pH** 3.71

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

**BOTTLED** March 25th, 2021

**PRODUCTION** 746 cases

**ACRES** 18.19 (7.36 hectares)

**ELEVATION** 290 feet to 440 feet (88 m to 134 m)

**SOILS** Columbia River Basalts: Jory Nekia, Ritner and Witzel; Marine Sediments: Helmick and Wellsdale; Missoula Flood silts including: Willamette and Woodburn soils

**ASPECT** east; southeast

**ESTABLISHED** 1993

**VARIETALS** Pinot Noir; Chardonnay; Pinot Gris; Syrah; Viognier

**CLONES** Pinot Noir Pommard and Dijon clones 113, 114, 115, 777; Chardonnay 95

**FIRST VINTAGE** 1996

**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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