



2019 Marjorie Vineyard Pinot Noir



When founders Paul and Eileen Gerrie purchased the estate in 1992, there was an existing vineyard with tremendous potential planted in the mid-slope of the east facing site. Paul re-named the vineyard Marjorie after his mother and the first single vineyard wine was produced from the 1994 vintage. The vineyard is situated on a gently sloping bench of consistent, moderately deep volcanic soil in the heart of the hillside between the lower slopes of Louise Vineyard and the higher elevation Eileen Vineyard at the crest of the Eola Hills. Marjorie is distinctive at Cristom with lower density plantings, very small, highly concentrated clusters and wide-spacing rows that harken back to the earliest days of Oregon viticulture. First established in 1982 with own-rooted Pinot Noir, the 8.4-acre vineyard has been mostly re-planted now due to Phylloxera but the wines continue to retain the signature concentration, grace, texture and elegance that make this a distinguished site.



WINEMAKING

50% 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
 48% new French oak
 Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel
 Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 13.9% **TA** 5.6 g/L **pH** 3.59

CLONES Pommard, Wädenswil; Dijon (777, 115, 114)

BOTTLED March 23rd, 2021

PRODUCTION 519 cases

ACRES 8.42 (3.41 hectares)

ELEVATION 495 feet to 620 feet (151 m to 189 m)

SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Yamhill, Saum and Witzel

ASPECT east; southeast

ESTABLISHED 1982; replanted beginning 2004

VARIETAL Pinot Noir

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FIRST VINTAGE 1994

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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