



2019 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

40% 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 13.5% **TA** 5.6 g/L **pH** 3.60

CLONES Pommard (113, 114, 115, 667, 777), Wädenswil, Coury

BOTTLED August 10th - 14th, 2020

AGING

11 months in French cooperage,
 30% new oak

VINEYARD SOURCES

22 vineyard sites, including
 52% Estate fruit from the
 Paul Gerrie, Jessie, Eileen,
 Louise, and Marjorie Vineyards

PRODUCTION

9,665 cases

Vintage Notes Much like 2018, the 2019 vintage was one of the driest Winters and Springs ever on record in the Willamette Valley. 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 occurring 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 through 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 cluster 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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