



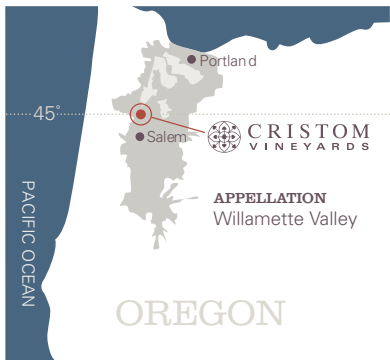
## 2020 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a collection of barrels from benchmark vineyards across the valley, including our own estate, declassified to make one compelling blend representing the finest expression of the vintage. Throughout history, particularly in Europe, iconic brands have chosen to declassify wines. Declassified wines can give consumers entry into some of the greatest terroirs in the world. The grapes in this wine are from across our estate and the benchmark vineyards we purchase from including Meredith Mitchell Vineyard in McMinnville, Ridgecrest Vineyard in Ribbon Ridge and Hopewell Vineyard and Holmes Hill Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills. Each barrel of this wine receives the same immaculate care and attention to detail as the wines chosen to go into our Mt. Jefferson Cuvée and single vineyard wines only crafted to represent the larger Willamette Valley AVA.

The 2020 Cristom Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a fresh wine of precision and focus defined by crunchy acidity and bright red fruit that will be enjoyed in its youth.

**Winemaking** Given the environmental factors we faced in the 2020 vintage, we had to rely on the experience and talent of our winemaking team to make deliberate stylistic decisions to make the highest quality wines possible. We chose to pick some blocks earlier, destem the fruit, inoculate with yeasts to shorten fermentation time and pressed even lighter to craft elegant, focused Pinot Noirs.



**ALC** 13.5%      **TA** 5.4 g/L      **pH** 3.62

**PRODUCTION** 10,825 cases & 420 Barrels

**CLONES** Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 943), Pommard, Swan, Wädenswil

**BOTTLED** June 28, 2021- July 1, 2021

**NEW OAK** 13% new French Oak

**COOPERS** Sirugue; François Frères, Mercurey

**WHOLE CLUSTER** % <5% (3%)

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**17 VINEYARD SITES**  
 90% Eola-Amity Hills AVA  
 61% Cristom Estate Pinot Noir, including: 18% Louise Vineyard; 16% Paul Gerrie Vineyard; 13% Jessie Vineyard; 10% Eileen Vineyard; and 4% Marjorie Vineyard

**Vintage Notes** The weather at the beginning and end of the 2020 growing season define the year and the wines with historically low yields and smoke from the fires west of the Cascade Mountains in September. The spring was mostly cold and wet with fervent swings of warm and sunny days followed quickly by cool, rainy conditions all the way through bloom that resulted in small berries, and small, loose clusters. The weather during flowering led to some of the smallest clusters and lowest yields in our company history at Cristom. The yields in each vineyard were more than 50% down, but the small berries could have resulted in concentrated wines of great depth, intensity and quality. Pinot Noir from the Cristom estate was harvested between September 12th and October 8th, 2020 and the growing season finished with 2,580 growing degree days (GDD), which is slightly above our 28-year-average of 2,475 GDD. In a low yielding vintage that had the opportunity for greatness, grace comes in the form of refined wines that showcase bright fruit and balanced, natural acidity.



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