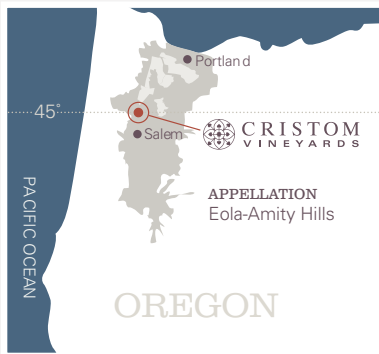




## 2019 Louise Vineyard Chardonnay



Planted in 1993, Louise Vineyard was named for Cristom winegrower & owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother, Louise Dinkelspiel. The lowest elevation Pinot Noir planting on the Cristom estate, Louise Vineyard can be distinctly separated into an "upper" and "lower" section, divided by a 150 ft. (45.7 m) slope. Because of this unique topography, Louise typically has both some of the earliest and latest fruit harvested each year; in the 2015 vintage, we recorded our earliest-ever pick date, bringing in the first estate fruit of the harvest from the Louise Vineyard on September 1st.



### WINEMAKING

100% hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit  
 100% native yeast fermentation  
 Whole-cluster press  
 Full malolactic fermentation in barrel

### VINEYARD SOURCE

100% Louise Vineyard

### PRODUCTION

5 barrels

ALC 13%      TA 6.2 g/L      pH 3.2

**BOTTLED** January 6th, 2021

**AGING** 11 months total, 4 months in tank, and 20% new French oak

**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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