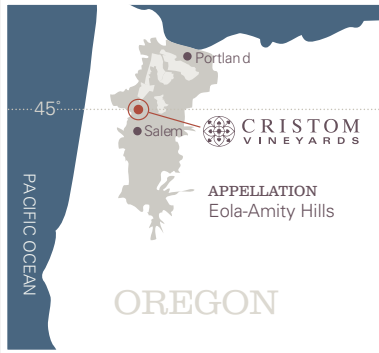




2020 Louise Vineyard Viognier



Cristom Vineyards has played a unique role pioneering Viognier in the Willamette Valley. We were among the first to grow the varietal with our original plantings in 1993, and the first winery in the AVA to produce an estate Viognier bottling with our 1996 vintage release. Louise Vineyard was named for Cristom Winegrower & Owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother, Louise Dinkelspiel. The Louise Vineyard Viognier was established between 1993-1995 on a southeast-facing hillside over a range of volcanic soils. The basalt soils under the Viognier vines grade downslope from very deep Jory to a band of shallow and rocky soils in the midslope and then back to Jory and the deepest soils on the Cristom farm. Later in 2003, we expanded our Viognier plantings down the hill into Missoula Flood Silt soils making this a very geologically complex vineyard site. Planted with multiple vine spacings, three different rootstocks over an elevation range rising from 285 feet to 355 feet (87m to 108m) with extraordinary geological diversity as well as different vine ages, the Viognier fruit can be broad ranging and complex as it is often picked over a week of time or more. The Louise Vineyard Viognier exhibits the pure, nearly textbook characteristics of this varietal, with floral aromas of orange blossoms, honeysuckle, clover and anise, as well as ripe fruit aromas of peach, apricot, and lychee. Slightly viscous on the palate, with bright and mouth-watering acidity that support the fruit structure of the wine, achieving integration and balance through a lingering finish.



WINEMAKING

100% native yeast fermentation
 90% fermented in 228L Oak Barrels
 10% fermented in concrete eggs
 5 months in barrel
 1 month in tank
 No malolactic fermentation in barrel
 100% native yeast fermentations

ALC 13% TA 7.2 g/L pH 3.22

DATES PICKED September 29 – October 2, 2020

BOTTLED March 23, 2021

ACRES 3.38 (1.37 hectares)

SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Jory, Witzel, Nekia; and Missoula Flood Silts, including: Woodburn and Willamette

VINEYARD SOURCE

100% Louise Vineyard

ELEVATION 285 feet to 355 feet
 (87 m to 108 m)

ASPECT southeast

ESTABLISHED 1993

VINE DENSITY 1,210 vines/acre; 2,070 vines/acre; 2,311 vines/acre

VARIETALS Viognier

CLONES 01

PRODUCTION 736 cases

Vintage Notes The 2020 growing season may long be remembered as one of the lowest yielding vintages in our history that crafted supremely concentrated wines defined by their acidity. The spring weather was marked by 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 were more than 50% down, but the small berries could have resulted in concentrated wines of great depth, intensity and quality. 2020 was relatively a dry and warm growing season continuing the ongoing trends we have been experiencing over the past four growing seasons since 2018. All of the Louise Vineyard Viognier was picked over a four-day-period between September 29, 2020, and October 2, 2020, after some late season rains helped to restore some much-needed hydration to the roots in a dry season. The Louise Vineyard Viognier growing season finished with 2,445 growing degree days (GDD), just below our 25-year-average of 2,475 GDD.



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