



2021 Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir



Eileen Vineyard, named after co-founder Eileen Gerrie, is situated at the highest elevation on the original Cristom estate rising to over 735 feet with commanding views of the Cascade Range to the east and the Oregon Coast Range to the west. Perched at the crest of the Eola Hills, Eileen Vineyard is defined by the cold, Pacific Ocean winds and dramatic volcanic soil variation from ancient basalt flows. Among the most geologically complex sites on the farm and our most wind-swept vines, the fruit from Eileen can be structured, vibrant and persistent. First established in 1997, Eileen Vineyard has grown to nearly 22 acres of Pinot Noir and more than 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Chardonnay vines extend to the summit of the hill, best capturing the cold nights and fierce winds of Eileen's maritime climate allowing the vines to retain fresh acidity in the fruit.



WINEMAKING

46% whole cluster
 100% hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
 100% native yeast fermentations
 1-3 punch downs daily with occasional pump-over
 1.5 - 5 ton open-top fermenters
 Pressed to tank, settled overnight and then moved to barrel
 Full malolactic fermentation in barrel
 Aged 18 months on lees
 34% new French oak barrels
 Unfined & Unfiltered
 ALC 13.5% TA 5.4 g/L pH 3.51
 ESTATE BOTTLED March 16, 2023
 PRODUCTION 792 cases

VINEYARD SOURCE 100% Eileen Vineyard

ACRES 4.36 (9.86 hectares)
 ELEVATION 545 feet to 735 feet (166 m to 224 m)
 SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Jory, Saum, Nekia, Ritner, Witzel and Yamhill
 ASPECT south; east; southeast
 ESTABLISHED 1997
 VARIETAL Pinot Noir; Chardonnay
 CLONES Pinot Noir: Pommard, Wädenswill, Mt. Eden, Swan, Calera, and Dijon clones 114, 115, 777; Chardonnay: 76, 27, 107, 124, and 548
 FIRST VINTAGE 1996

Vintage Notes The 2021 vintage may come to be defined by the near storybook ending to the growing season that allowed the vines to preserve fresh fruit characters in concentrated clusters and achieve greater balance in the wines in one of the driest years in company history. Intermittent rains during a cool bloom period led to extremely small berries and small clusters that are concentrated in flavor and structure; often defining characteristics of a quality year. There were extreme heat spikes in 2021, but thoughtful vineyard practices preserved the small, fragile berries and the fruit looked pristine coming to the winery. The cooler than average weather in August and September helped the growing season to finish with 2,475 growing degree days (*GDD*), which is near our exact average heat accumulation since 1992. Though it was an unusually low water year, we did have around 1.5" of rain fall in the middle of vintage which helped young vines and even older vines planted in our shallowest volcanic soils to gain more hang time. In the fermenters, native fermentations kicked off with vigor and produced energetic wines notable for their effusive fruity esters. Overall, the 2021 vintage may reveal itself to be one of the greats of the last ten years.



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