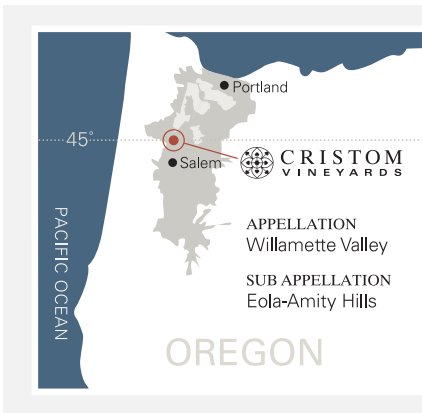




## 2022 Louise Vineyard Pinot Gris

Our Pinot Gris vines were planted in 1993, just after the inception of Cristom in 1992, in the vineyard that is the namesake of Winegrower & Owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother, Louise Dinkelspiel. The Louise Vineyard has a total of 18.19 acres (7.36 hectares) and the Pinot Gris vines comprise two acres of our most varied site on the estate, planted to the gentle, east facing slope that begins at the lowest elevation of the property rising from 200 feet to 350 feet (61 m to 107 m). This is the "welcoming" vineyard that greets our visitors as they enter the estate.

Our Pinot Gris is distinctive at Cristom in that it is planted entirely over ancient flood deposits, known as Missoula Flood silts, and marine sediments. In addition to the soil geological complexity, the unique wind influence of the Eola-Amity Hills and the Van Duzer Corridor impart a highly reflective sense of place to the resulting wine. The "Lower Louise" block is planted in a high density of 1,815 vines/acres (44,486 vines/hectare) and has consistently produced a lifted, floral and citrus tinged Pinot Gris that combines zesty, mineral driven accents with a distinctively creamy finish since its first release with the 1996 vintage.



VARIETAL Pinot Gris

CLONES 146; 152

FIRST VINTAGE 1996

WINEMAKING

100% hand-harvested

Whole-cluster pressed, settled overnight, and moved to tank

100% native yeast fermentations

AGING 4 months on its lees in a stainless steel tank

ALC 13.0% TA 7.0 g/L pH 3.09

ESTATE BOTTLED January 19th, 2023

PRODUCTION 230 cases

VINEYARD SOURCE 100% Louise Vineyard

ESTABLISHED 1993

ACRES 18.19 (7.36 hectares)

ELEVATION 290 feet to 440 feet (88 m to 134 m)

SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Jory, Nekia, Ritner and Witzel; Marine Sediments: Helmick and Wellsdale; Missoula Flood silts including: Willamette and Woodburn soils

ASPECT east; southeast

**Vintage Notes** The 2022 vintage began in a customary Willamette Valley fashion, cool and wet. An unseasonably warm February and March followed, leading to a relatively early budbreak as spring commenced. Mother Nature proved unpredictable with the arrival of a rare cold air mass phenomenon in mid-April which brought the pre-dawn temperatures below freezing and spelled potential disaster for the vintage. Thankfully, the Cristom estate was mostly spared from frost damage, but the shock of the cold snap and the cool, wet spring that followed significantly extended the growing season. We observed near perfect conditions for bloom in late-June, yielding a generous fruit set of tight clusters and large berries. The summer months were consistently warm and sunny, which when combined with the residual soil moisture from a wet spring, generated explosive growth in the vineyard. Warm days continued through September and most of October, helping the grapes achieve ripeness and stave off the development of botrytis that can be a challenge late in the season. Despite a slow start, the 2022 growing season was on par with 2015 as one of the warmest in company history; a blessing that helped the fruit reach ripeness in what could have otherwise been an exceptionally late harvest.



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