

## NEW RELEASE

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY 2022 Pinot Noir

The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a collection of barrels from benchmark vineyards across the valley, including our own estate, that comprises a compelling blend representing the finest expression of the vintage at a remarkable value. 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.

## Vineyards:

- 62% Estate: 26% Eileen, 18% Paul Gerrie, 12% Louise, 6% Jessie;
- **38% Grower**: 14% RPG, 8% Stilling, 8% Von Oehsen, 4% Hyland, 2% Bjornson, 2% Holmes Hill

## Winemaking:

- 54% whole cluster
- Native yeast fermentations
- Aged 10 months on its lees in 20% new French oak barrels
- No fining or filtering
- 13.5 % ALC | 5.3 g/L TA | 3.65 pH

Estate bottled: August 15, 2023 Cases Produced: 1,232 (9L)

**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. Mother Nature proved unpredictable with the arrival of a rare cold air mass phenomenon in mid-April, and potential threats to 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. A long, warm, and sunny summer extended the growing season into October, helping the grapes achieve ripeness and stave off any late season viticulture challenges.

