



Greetings Members,

As I write this, the wind is howling, and a steady rain falls sideways throughout the Cristom Estate. It's officially winter in the Eola-Amity Hills. It's also the perfect time to visit us at the winery and enjoy your complimentary member wine flight paired with our world-class hospitality while nestled in our cozy tasting room.

The winter weather, however, means spring is around the corner. Soon, the vines will spring to life, the Estate will be aglow with lush green vineyards and strikingly beautiful wildflowers, and the cherry trees that line our driveway will be in full bloom.

For now, the rain does not deter our incredible winegrowing and production crews as a distinctive sound rises above the wind – the steady clanking of the bottling line. After months of carefully maturing in barrel, it's time to debut the wines from the stellar 2022 vintage.

We are incredibly excited to introduce our 2022 Pinot Noir Clonal Series. Our Benchmark 12-Bottle Members have first access to these wines, which are a labor of love for our winegrowing and production team. Crafted to showcase the nuanced differences between the Wädenswil, 114, and 117 Pinot Noir clones, they are all sourced from the Eileen Vineyard on our Estate. We invite you to learn more by checking out our new Clonal blog post – scan the QR code below.

The 2022 vintage sees the continuation of our beloved Pinot Noir AVA Series wines with the Dundee Hills and McMinnville AVAs. Made in extremely limited quantities, each AVA Pinot Noir blend combines vineyards that are benchmarks for the area and offer an opportunity to explore the Willamette Valley further. See our AVA blog post for additional information.

Making its inaugural debut as part of our Grower's Series is the 2022 Björnson Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills. Björnson Vineyard is part of a scenic 107-acre farm just over the ridge from Cristom Vineyards. We were drawn to Pattie & Mark Björnson's property for many reasons. Not only do they produce world-class and highly rated wines of their own, but their use of renewable energy and sustainable farming practices to promote ecological balance closely mirrors our philosophy. Additionally, a single vineyard 2022 Pinot Noir from Durant Vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA returns.

Rounding out the spring shipment is the 2021 Estate Syrah and two library re-releases. Our Louise Vineyard Estate Syrah epitomizes what a cool climate Syrah should be – elegant yet savory with mesmerizing aromatics. The 2016 123Degrees West Pinot Noir and the 2017 Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir are in beautiful drinking windows, or they can enhance your Cristom collection for a few more years. We are delighted to share these new and library releases with you.

Lastly, this is an exciting year of change for our membership program, and the entire Cristom team extends their thanks for your continued support. Please review our Membership webpage to explore the enhanced benefits available to you. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions regarding the wines in your shipment, your membership enrollment, or if I can assist in any way.

Warm Regards,

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2022 Pinot Noir, Björnson Vineyard Sustainably dry-farmed, with no-till, and surrounded by a forest reserve, this Eola-Amity Hills vineyard has moderate elevation, Nekia and Jory volcanic soils, varied aspects, and a mix of Dijon and Pommard clones. Unctuous ripe dark cherry, alpine strawberry, and wild bramble intermingle with tobacco and herbal aromas. Refined tannins create a gorgeous texture on the palate with sultry flavors of dark cherry, orange liqueur, earthy forest floor, and dusty clay.

44% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 14 months in 17% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 145 | **NEW & WINERY EXCLUSIVE**

2022 Pinot Noir, Durant Vineyard Established in 1973 on a south-facing slope over deep volcanic soils in the Dundee Hills, Durant Vineyard is a historic, pioneering site in Oregon viticulture. Fragrant aromas of penetrating red cherry and dried herbs. Silky texture with rich, bright red cherry and rosemary, and nuances of nutmeg, Cerignola olives, and toasted oak lead to a long finish.

30% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 10 months in 17% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 147 | **WINERY EXCLUSIVE**

2022 Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills AVA This blend of the pioneering Arcus and Durant Vineyards, both established in 1973, captures the pure, elegant, red-fruit flavors that come from the deep Jory volcanic soils of the region, famously known as the "red hills of Dundee." A classic Dundee Hills expression with high-toned red cherry, strawberry, and raspberry coulis, a depth of floral and savory notes comprised of crushed rose petals and herb-crusted meat, culminating in a long, silky finish.

44% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 10 months in 29% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 147 | **WINERY EXCLUSIVE**

2022 Pinot Noir, McMinnville AVA A blend of the pioneering Hyland and Meredith Mitchell Vineyards planted in some of Oregon's oldest and most geologically complex soils, the region's dry and cool climate produces distinctive wines with great structure. Pronounced cherry and black raspberry intertwine with distinct spicy and savory notes of white pepper and charred flat iron steak. Lean and powerful with vibrant acidity, rich fruit, and a long finish.

40% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 10 months in 22% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 225 | **WINERY EXCLUSIVE**

2021 Syrah, Louise Vineyard We craft limited quantities of Syrah from only 400 vines planted on one-third of an acre in Louise Vineyard. Since 2003, we've produced a classic cool-climate expression with savory and spicy characters. Perfumed aromas of herbs de Provence, black cherry and currant, and savory notes of peppered jerky and Kalamata olives. Elegant texture with flavors of smoky blueberry, brined olives, black tea, and a brambly finish.

74% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 16 months in a concrete egg and neutral French oak barrels

CASES PRODUCED: 104

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2021 Pinot Noir, Eola Springs Vineyard Originally planted in 1972, this is a pioneering and geologically complex site in the Eola-Amity Hills. Rising to 450 feet, the vineyard's position in the throat of the Van Duzer Corridor provides ample ventilation to temper the vines. The intensified diurnal effect preserves the bright acidity and produces small, concentrated berries. The wine is complex with pronounced aromas and flavors of violets, blackberry tart, ripe black cherry, and Asian spice. Crunchy tannins lead to a persistent finish.
49% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 18 months in 33% new French oak
CASES PRODUCED: 148 | WINERY EXCLUSIVE

2023 Pinot Gris, Louise Vineyard Established in 1993 on a combination of Missoula Flood Silts and ancient marine sedimentary soils, our 1.65 acres of gently sloping Pinot Gris vines in Louise Vineyard yield a wine with vibrant acidity and profound minerality. Seamless and bright with Asian pear, golden kiwi, and white tea characters. The finish is distinctive and lingering with minerality and herbaceous notes of Fernleaf and nettle.
Whole cluster pressed and native yeast fermentation, no MLF, aged four months on its lees in a stainless steel tank
CASES PRODUCED: 250

2022 Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills A blend of benchmark vineyard sites in the Eola-Amity Hills, including the Cristom estate, the combination of volcanic soils, elevations, and the cool marine influence, yield a Chardonnay with tension and generosity. Aromatically complex, the wine delivers intermingled notes of brioche, toasted meringue, lemon curd, and minerality. Zesty Meyer lemon, ginger, and cardamon drive interest on the palate, with a satisfying viscosity and bright acidity that lead to a long finish.
Whole cluster pressed and native yeast fermentation, full MLF, aged 11 months on its lees in 20% new French oak barrels, followed by five months in stainless steel tanks
CASES PRODUCED: 2,525

2023 Rosé of Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills Crafted in limited quantities, this Rosé of Pinot Noir represents the cool-climate, volcanic Eola-Amity Hills, delivering bright fruit and lively acidity. Effusive aromatics and flavors of jasmine and honeysuckle florals, tart citrus and berry, and crunchy white peach. Tingling salinity, firm structure, vibrant acidity, and lean stone fruit envelop the palate.
Whole cluster pressed and native yeast fermentation, no MLF, aged four months on its lees in stainless steel tanks
CASES PRODUCED: 220

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NEW CLONAL SERIES

Clonal diversity is crucial to the uniqueness of Cristom's estate vineyards and its Pinot Noir expressions. With over 1,000 clones of Pinot Noir, variants adapt and thrive in different climates and impart distinct aroma and flavor characteristics and levels of tannins and body on the wine's style.

2022 Pinot Noir, 114 Clone, Eileen Vineyard This micro-lot of estate-grown Pinot Noir spotlights Clone 114 and how, in combination with our terroir, it exhibits fragrant, earthy aromas and savory and spicy characters. Pronounced aromas of red licorice, bright red fruits, bay leaf, and wood ear mushroom. A nice density of fruit with a light bramble character and herbaceous and anise notes.

Elevated acidity, great tension, and low tannin make it excellent for food pairing.

56% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 15 months in 25% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 100 | WINERY EXCLUSIVE

2022 Pinot Noir, 777 Clone, Eileen Vineyard This micro-lot of estate-grown Pinot Noir spotlights Clone 777 and how, in combination with our terroir, it exhibits sultry aromas, bright acidity, and robust dark fruit flavors. Dense, dark cherries, cola, roses, and a touch of woodiness are present on the nose. The wine is structured with powdery tannins and a lingering finish.

49% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 15 months in 25% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 100 | WINERY EXCLUSIVE

2022 Pinot Noir, Wädenswil Clone, Eileen Vineyard This micro-lot of estate-grown Pinot Noir spotlights the Wädenswil Clone and how, in combination with our terroir, it exhibits herbaceous, spicy, and earthy characters. Broodingly savory, with black cherry and floral and dried herb aromas of thyme, oregano, fennel, and cumin seed. Lean and spicy on the palate with bramble, black tea, and cacao.

65% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 15 months in 25% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED: 100 | WINERY EXCLUSIVE

LIBRARY RE-RELEASES

2016 Pinot Noir, 123 Degrees West Named for the meridian that runs through the Willamette Valley, 123° West represents the stand-out barrels in the Cristom cellar from our non-estate fruit relationships. A blend of mostly Eola-Amity Hills AVA and one barrel of Dundee Hills AVA, it is a purposeful representation of the terroir of the Willamette Valley, offering intense flavors of earth and red fruits.

51% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 18 months in 83% new French oak

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2017 Pinot Noir, Louise Vineyard Established in 1993 on our lower southeast-facing slope and sheltered by a small forest, Louise Vineyard is the most geologically complex site at Cristom. The wine has a softened, focused acidity and intense complexity.
49% whole cluster and native yeast fermentations, aged 18 months in 66% new French oak
CASES PRODUCED: 701 | LIBRARY WINE

ADVANCED RELEASE CHARDONNAYS

Our first estate Chardonnay from Louise Vineyard debuted in 1995 and leads our single vineyard offerings which also include acclaimed neighbors such as Seven Springs Vineyard. At the helm of our world-class Chardonnay program is Winemaker and Vineyard Manager, Daniel Estrin, who draws on his extensive Chardonnay experience at Littorai and Domaine de la Côte.

2022 Chardonnay, Louise Vineyard We craft limited quantities of Chardonnay from our half-acre planted in 1995 over rocky, volcanic soils on our east-facing hillside. It exudes aromatic complexity, showcasing dynamic citrus with accents of lemon verbena, lemon tart, snowy peonies, and fresh honeycomb. With a refined and nuanced richness, the texture and weight in the mid-palate effortlessly balance the bright and energetic acid structure, delivering a fruit profile of Meyer lemon pith and mandarin flesh, fresh salinity and oyster shell, subtle elements of finely integrated oak, and a mineral-driven finish.
Whole cluster pressed and native yeast fermentation, full MLF, aged 11 months on its lees in 24% new French oak barrels, followed by five months in stainless steel tanks
CASES PRODUCED: 100

2022 Chardonnay, Royer Vineyard This remarkable site is ideally suited for our style of Chardonnay winemaking - volcanic soils, intense winds and cooling effect, and high elevation (600-700 ft). Additionally, Mark Royer's land stewardship values align with our own, with a commitment to organic and regenerative farming. Puff pastry, preserved lemon, blistered padron pepper, and golden delicious apple aromas. Sweet citrus with clementine, mandarin, candied lemon, and lemon verbena flavors. Flinty, with a weighted structure and refreshing acidity.
Whole cluster pressed and native yeast fermentation, full MLF, aged 11 months on its lees in 76% new French oak barrels, followed by five months in stainless steel tanks
CASES PRODUCED: 100 | WINERY EXCLUSIVE

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