

Eola-Amity Hills | Willamette Valley, Oregon | Since 1992







C R I S T O M

Estate Single Vineyard Pinot Noirs GET TO KNOW OUR DISTINGUISHED SITES OF PLACE

Cristom Vineyards' mission for over 30 years has been to craft wines that reveal the truest expression of our distinctive, individual sites across our 240-acre estate. Our five single vineyards – named for our founders, Paul and Eileen Gerrie, and family matriarchs – have earned an international reputation for their individuality, authenticity, consistency, and excellence.

EILEEN VINEYARD -

Perched at the crest of the Eola Hills, Eileen Vineyard, named after co-founder Eileen Gerrie, rises to over 735 feet and has commanding views of the Cascade Range to the east and the Oregon Coast Range to the west. First established in 1997, it has grown to nearly 22 acres of Pinot Noir.

The vineyard is defined by the cold, fierce Pacific Ocean winds that blast the site via the Van Duzer Corridor and by the dramatic volcanic soil variation and depths from ancient basalt flows.

Eileen Vineyard is among our farm's highest elevation and most geologically complex sites. It has our most wind-swept vines and the most diverse collection of Pinot Noir clonal selections, with Pommard, Wädenswil, Mt. Eden, Swan, Calera, and Dijon clones 114, 115, and 777.

This distinctive vineyard produces tiny berries with thick skins, leading to a higher skin-to-juice ratio. The resulting wines are structured, vibrant, and persistent.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Ritner, Witzel, Yamhill)

ELEVATION: 545 to 735 ft (166 to 224 m)



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JESSIE VINEYARD

First established in 1994, Jessie Vineyard was named for founder Paul Gerrie's paternal grandmother, Jessie Sommers Gerrie. Dramatically steep, with a diverse range of volcanic soils and strong influence from Pacific Ocean winds, Jessie may be the most challenging vineyard to farm, yet the most distinctive site on the Cristom estate.

It is the only estate vineyard where all vine rows are planted with the steep hillside slope in an east-west orientation and entirely planted at 2,311 vines per acre. This prevents terracing and naturally helps protect the fruit from the afternoon sun, preserving bright fruit and floral aromatics. The dense planting creates competition amongst neighboring vines, forcing roots deeper into the soil, helping to derive a greater character and a sense of place in the wines.

These 11.5 acres of Pinot Noir situated in the mid-slope of our east-facing hillside produce some of the most seductive and complex wines we craft.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalts (Jory,Saum, Nekia, Gelderman, Ritner, Witzel)

ELEVATION: 345 to 565 ft (105 to 172 m)

LOUISE VINEYARD -

Established in 1993, Louise Vineyard is named after second-generation Winegrower and Owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother. Planted on the lowest slopes of the estate, Louise is a microcosm of the diversity of soils in the Eola-Amity Hills. The vines are predominantly planted over a range of volcanic soils, though they are also influenced by Marine Sedimentary soils and Missoula Flood silts, further contributing to the intensity and complexity of the fruit.

Protected by a small forest to the west and south, Louise is more sheltered from the cold Pacific Ocean winds than the other estate vineyards, helping to soften the focused acidity in the wines.

Collectively, the 12.3 acres of Pinot Noir vines stitched into the hillside are now the oldest at Cristom, and the 27–31-year-old vines contribute to the wine's richness.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Gelderman, Ritner, Witzel); Marine Sediments (Helmick and Wellsdale); Missoula Flood Silts (Willamette and Woodburn)

ELEVATION: 290 to 440 ft (88 to 134 m)

MARJORIE VINEYARD -

When founders Paul and Eileen Gerrie purchased the estate in 1992, an existing vineyard planted on the mid-slope of the east-facing site had tremendous potential. The Gerries renamed the vineyard Marjorie after Paul's mother, and the first single-vineyard wine was produced from the 1994 vintage.

This vineyard is situated on a gently sloping bench of mostly consistent, moderately deep volcanic soil in the heart of the hillside between Louise Vineyard and Eileen Vineyard.

First established in 1982 with own-rooted heritage clones of Pinot Noir, the vineyard had lower-density plantings featuring wide-spacing rows that harkened back to the earliest days of Oregon viticulture.

Now mostly replanted beginning in 2004 due to Phylloxera, just over five acres of Pinot Noir continue to produce very small, highly concentrated clusters that retain the signature concentration, grace, texture, and elegance in the wine that makes this a distinguished site.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalts (Saum, Yamhill, Witzel)

ELEVATION: 495 to 620 ft (151 to 189 m)

PAUL GERRIE VINEYARD -

Named after Cristom's founder, Paul Gerrie Vineyard is a consistent, gentle sloping bench of deep volcanic soil just to the north of the original estate in the Eola Hills. For over twenty years, founder Paul Gerrie dreamt of acquiring the land and made the purchase shortly before his retirement in 2012, capping his legacy with Cristom Vineyards.

With an unwavering commitment to grow estate fruit, we have been developing Paul Gerrie Vineyard since 2014 to be the cornerstone of Cristom's future. The site combines some of the greatest aspects of the Cristom estate—deep volcanic soils, bracing winds, and high elevation—into a single vineyard. It represents the culmination of knowledge gained from three decades of farming in the Eola-Amity Hills.

The 22 acres of Pinot Noir produce a wine with powerful tannins, lively acidity, and persistent juicy, minerally, and spicy flavors.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Yamhill, Gelderman, Ritner, and Witzel)

ELEVATION: 540 to 800 ft (165 to 244 m)



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