



# CRISTOM VINEYARDS

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

PRESS & ACCOLADES



# CRISTOM MT. JEFFERSON CUVÉE PINOT NOIR



“Mt. Jeff” is our flagship Pinot Noir and embodies Cristom’s hallmark style, marrying low yields, hand-harvested fruit, and whole cluster and native yeast fermentations. The cuvée focuses on Estate fruit -- **the 2023 vintage is comprised of 77% fruit from four of our biodynamically and organically farmed vineyards** – and is complemented by benchmark vineyard sites in the Eola-Amity Hills.

## NEW RELEASE 2023 VINTAGE

**94 PTS** – International Wine Report “... *The palate is a refined tapestry of earthy complexity and lush fruit... the vibrant acidity carries the flavors to a lingering, spice-tinged finish.*” – Jeremy Young

**93 PTS** – OwenBargreen.com “... *This is a truly outstanding bottling at a great price.*” - Dr. Owen Bargreen

## 2022 VINTAGE

**95**  
POINTS

International  
WINEREPORT

**94**  
POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK

**94**  
POINTS

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

**93**  
POINTS

Decanter

**93**  
POINTS

Antonio Galloni  
vinous

**91**  
POINTS

Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE

**17+**  
SUPERIOR

2024 GOLD

TEXSOM  
AWARDS

“...this stunning Pinot Noir pops...” – Jeremy Young, International Wine Report

“...gorgeous out of the gate, offering a floral and fresh profile...great energy...” – Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com

“A lively, precise and well-composed pinot...It’s crisp and spot-on...” – JamesSuckling.com

“...Wonderfully savoury...a new height for Mt. Jefferson.” – Clive Pursehouse, Decanter

“Wildly exotic...wonderfully fresh, nearly crunchy in feel...finishes with youthful tension...” – Eric Guido, Vinous

“This classic Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is lush yet elegant...” – Lettie Teague, Wall Street Journal

# TOP 100 WINES OF 2024

**CRISTOM**  
Eola-Amity Hills  
Willamette Valley

Pinot Noir  
Mt. Jefferson Cuvée  
2022

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY CRISTOM VINEYARDS - SALEM, OREGON  
ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOL. UNFINED & UNFILTERED

## Top 100 Wines of 2024

[OwenBargreen.com](https://www.OwenBargreen.com)

### 51) 2022 Cristom 'Mt. Jefferson Cuvée' Pinot Noir Oregon | Willamette Valley | 93 Points

Stored in 22% new French oak for 11 months, this undercut 52% whole cluster fermentation. A killer value, the Oregon 2022 'Mt. Jefferson Cuvée' shows off teaberry and cranberry notes on the nose alongside wet gravel and suggestions of orange peel. The palate is juicy and round with loads of mouth-watering acidity and rich, tart red fruit flavors with orange peel, tobacco and salty soil accents. Drink 2024- 2032. **93**



FOOD & DRINK

## The Best Wines to Serve With Chicken

# THE BEST WINES TO SERVE WITH CHICKEN

*September 26, 2024 | By Lettie Teague*

**2022 Cristom Vineyards Mt. Jefferson Cuvée  
Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir Willamette Valley**

This classic Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is lush yet elegant. Marked by soft tannins and notes of crisp red and dark fruit, it's perfect with roast chicken or any dark-meat dish.



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# ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIRS

For over 30 years, Cristom's mission 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.

## Current Release 2022 Vintage



96 Decanter  
96 Jeb Dunnuck  
96 IWR  
95 O. Bargreen  
93.5 KWGTP  
92 Vinous  
GOLD IVWA

"... A balance of grace and power...an ageable example of Oregon Pinot Noir..." – Decanter



97 Decanter  
97 Jeb Dunnuck  
96 IWR  
95 Vinous  
95 O. Bargreen  
94.5 KWGTP

"... Silken to the core and lifted in feel, this sweeps across the palate with grace..." – Vinous



96 Jeb Dunnuck  
95 Decanter  
95 IWR  
95 O. Bargreen  
94 Vinous  
94 KWGTP

"... It has a chiseled structure, with fine compact tannins, a refreshing lift...and a long finish..." – JebDunnuck.com



97 Jeb Dunnuck  
97 & EC IWR  
96 Decanter  
96 O. Bargreen  
94 KWGTP  
93 Vinous

"...plenty of purity...a fantastic, savory finish, with ripe tannins and even acidity..." – JebDunnuck.com



98 Jeb Dunnuck  
97 & EC IWR  
96 Decanter  
96 O. Bargreen  
94+ Vinous  
93 KWGTP  
SILVER IVWA

"... lifted, savory, and deep aromatics, with an almost Nebbiolo-like structure ..." – JebDunnuck.com



# VOLCANIC EOLA-AMITY HILLS

## Distinct Terroir That Produces World-Class Chardonnay

The Willamette Valley's turbulent geological history and volcanic activity resulted in the unique growing region that we call home: The Eola-Amity Hills. The morning sun warms the volcanic rock hillsides, and the cool afternoon ocean breeze blows in through the Van Duzer Corridor, preserving the grape's natural acidity and providing the perfect growing conditions for Chardonnay. The rocky, mineral-rich volcanic soils are well-drained and impart a depth of character and a distinct minerality, creating wines of interest.

### LOUISE VINEYARD

#### *Estate*

Established in 1993, Louise Vineyard is named for Cristom Winegrower and Owner Tom Gerrie's great-grandmother. There is a one-half acre of Dijon clone 95, which is densely planted on the northern edge of the vineyard, rising up the east-facing hillside from 320 to 370 feet. Vine roots can easily reach the moderately shallow, gravelly volcanic soil known as Ritner, giving the wine a subtle steely minerality.

### 2022 LOUISE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**97 pts** *Decanter*  
**97 pts** *JebDunnuck.com*  
**95 pts** *International Wine Report*  
**95 pts** *OwenBargreen.com*  
**94 pts** *Vinous*  
**93 pts** *Ken's Wine Guide*  
**SILVER** *Int'l Volcanic Wine Awards*

### EILEEN VINEYARD

#### *Estate*

Perched at the crest of the Eola Hills (735 ft) on the Cristom estate, Eileen is defined by the cold, Pacific Ocean winds that blast the site via the Van Duzer Corridor and dramatic volcanic soil variation. The fruit is structured, vibrant, and persistent.

Two acres of Chardonnay planted on our Eileen Vineyard Chardonnay in 1997, produce vibrant fruit that is also a contributor to the Eola-Amity Hills blend.

### 2022 EOLA-AMITY HILLS CHARDONNAY

<b>94</b> <i>Decanter</i>	<b>93</b> <i>OwenBargreen.com</i>
<b>94</b> <i>International Wine Report</i>	<b>93</b> <i>Ken's Wine Guide</i>
<b>93</b> <i>JebDunnuck.com</i>	<b>92 &amp; 30</b> <i>Best Chardonnays for 2024 VinePair</i>
<b>93</b> <i>JamesSuckling.com</i>	<b>91</b> <i>Vinous</i>

### PAUL GERIE VINEYARD

#### *Estate*

Established in 2014 and named for Cristom's founder, Paul Gerrie Vineyard is the cornerstone of Cristom and combines some of the greatest aspects of the estate – deep volcanic soils, bracing winds, high elevation, and a gentle sloping bench – into a single vineyard.

The 6 acres of Chardonnay plantings are a significant source of our noteworthy Eola-Amity Hills Chardonnay, with plans for a future single-vineyard Chardonnay expression.

### SEVEN SPRINGS VINEYARD

Lauded by winemakers throughout the Willamette Valley, the reputation of Seven Springs Vineyard speaks for itself. Established in the early 1980's by the MacDonald family, and owned by Evening Land since 2007, the east-facing site is planted primarily over deep volcanic soils. In combination with high elevation (500-600 ft) and a strong influence of Pacific Ocean winds, it produces Chardonnay with incredible depth and a simultaneous richness and mineral drive.

### 2022 SEVEN SPRINGS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**96 pts** *International Wine Report*  
**95 pts** *Decanter*  
**95 pts** *JebDunnuck.com*  
**94 pts** *JamesSuckling.com*

### ROYER VINEYARD

This remarkable site is perfectly suited for our style of Chardonnay winemaking -- volcanic soils, intense winds and cooling effect, and high elevation (600-700 ft). Additionally, the Royer's land stewardship values align with our own, with a commitment to organic and regenerative farming. The resulting wine is even more riveting than we could have imagined, with layered structure, fresh minerality and salinity, and flint and citrus notes.

### 2022 ROYER VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**96 pts** *Decanter*  
**95 pts** *JebDunnuck.com*  
**95 pts** *International Wine Report*  
**95 pts** *OwenBargreen.com*  
**93+ pts** *Vinous*

Decanter

# TOP 50 US Wines

Decanter Top 50 US Wines: Wines 40-31

**36: Cristom Vineyards, Louise Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills,  
Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022**



Cristom Vineyards, Louise Vineyard  
Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette  
Valley, Oregon, USA 2022

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Only half an acre (.2ha) of Chardonnay in the Louise Vineyard at  
Cristom, clone 95 was planted in 1995, and Cristom winemaker  
Daniel Estrin is grateful for all that he gets. He spends a lot of...

Points 97



Decanter  
TOP  
50  
US  
WINES





# 30 BEST CHARDONNAYS FOR 2024

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## The 30 Best Chardonnays for 2024

We tasted crowd-pleasers and case-buys as well as splurges and special-occasion finds. We basically have you covered across the entire spectrum. These are 30 of the best Chardonnays to drink in 2024.

### Cristom Vineyards Eola-Amity Hills Chardonnay 2022



Cristom Vineyards was established in 1992 by Paul and Eileen Gerrie — the name Cristom is a combination of their children's names, Christine and Tom (who's now the head winemaker). A family-owned winery for over 30 years, Cristom is dedicated to sustainability and organic farming in the Eola-Amity Hills subregion of Oregon's Willamette Valley. This bottling, sourced from several vineyard sites in the region, offers soft stone fruit and minerals on the nose. The palate is engaging with a textured mouthfeel, and perfectly balanced fruit and acidity.





# 2022 Chardonnay

## Eola-Amity Hills | Willamette Valley, Oregon

A blend of benchmark vineyard sites in the Eola-Amity Hills, including the Cristom Estate, the combination of volcanic soils, elevations, aspects, clones, and the cool marine influence, yield a concentrated and layered Chardonnay with tension and generosity.

### CURRENT RELEASE 2022

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Antonio Galloni  
vinous

"...Delicious and a tad unbelievable as their entry-level bottling." - Clive Pursehouse, Decanter

"...this wine promises to develop further complexity with age." - Jeremy Young, International Wine Report

"...good ripeness of acidity and a clean, elegant finish." - Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com

"...Well-driven and precise, with a vibrant core...and a focused, juicy finish..." - JamesSuckling.com

"...a total pleasure on the nose...Round and supple...a core of juicy acidity...Beautiful." - Eric Guido, Vinous

"Stone fruit with an engaging, textured palate." - Keith Beavers, VinePair

VINEPAIR

30 BEST CHARDONNAYS FOR 2024



### The 18 Best Pinot Grigios for 2024

Pinot Grigio wears many hats. It's most commonly known as a crisp, citrus-driven white wine from northern Italy, but it can also be found in eastern France as Pinot Gris, where it's revered for producing unctuous and waxy wines. And due to the grape's unique pink skins it's also used to make savory and complex skin-contact wines, referred to as Ramato (meaning copper) in some Italian regions.

More recently, the grape has found a home in Oregon, where it's typically made in a richer style and is referred to as Pinot Gris. There are also great examples coming from the Finger Lakes, California, Germany, and even New Zealand.

### Cristom Vineyards Louise Vineyard Pinot Gris 2023



The roughly one-and-a-half-acre Louise Vineyard was first established in 1993 in the Willamette Valley's Eola-Amity Hills region. The gently sloping Pinot Gris vines rest on a combination of Missoula Flood silts and ancient marine sedimentary soils that lend a distinct minerality. There are some subtle pear notes, but this wine is driven by texture. There's an unctuous mouthfeel on the palate, balanced by crisp acidity.



# 18 BEST PINOT GRIGIOS FOR 2024







# Antonio Galloni vinous

The words of Eric Guido

From *Oregon 2022: The Rollercoaster Vintage (August 2024)*

Published August 8, 2024

“Considering the challenges of the 2022 vintage, I expected the wines to be a step down from their usual performance or simply lackluster. **That was not the case when it came to Cristom Vineyards.** Their location in the Eola-Amity Hills, influenced by the cooling effects of the Van Duzer Corridor, was relatively unaffected by frost. However, they still experienced a late flowering, a late harvest season, and an abundant fruit set. Tom Gerrie, owner of Cristom Vineyards, explains, “We dropped more than half the fruit, and we still ended up with yields a touch higher than 2021.” Cristom Vineyards oversees 240 acres spanning from 200 to 800 feet in elevation, with 90 acres planted to vines, all using biodynamic principles. The soils are volcanic in origin, primarily Columbia River basalt. Winemaker Daniel Estrin prefers native, whole-cluster fermentations that average around 50% destemmed fruit, yet it does vary from site to site. New oak is relatively low for the reds, between 20-35%, while the Chardonnays see anywhere from 20% to 78% (in the case of the Royer Vineyard). **If I had to describe this portfolio in one word, it would be “classy.”** The wines are regal and focused, with a solid core of pure fruit and structure to carry them for years in the cellar.”

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# PRESS & AWARDS

*“The most delicate Oregon Pinot Noirs are like watercolors in a world of oil painting. Ethereal and fragile, they seem feather-brushed onto the canvas of flavor. Cristom’s five Pinot Noirs are all like this...”*

- Karen McNeil, author of ‘The Wine Bible’

*Wine & Spirits*, **Top 100 Wineries of the Year**: 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012, 2011

*Decanter*, **TOP 50 US WINES OF 2024**: 2022 LOUISE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY (#36)

*OwenBargreen.com*, **TOP 100 WINES OF 2024**: 2022 MT. JEFFERSON CUVÉE PINOT NOIR (#51)

*VinePair*, **30 Best Chardonnays for 2024**: 2022 EOLA-AMITY HILLS CHARDONNAY

*VinePair*, **18 Best Pinot Grigios for 2024**: 2023 LOUISE VINEYARD PINOT GRIS

*Jeb Dunnuck*, **Top 100 Wines of 2023**: 2021 EILEEN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

*Wine Enthusiast*, **Top 100 Cellar Selections of 2023**: 2021 LOUISE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Decanter*, **One of the Top 5 Chardonnays of Willamette Valley’s 2021 Vintage**: 2021 SEVEN SPRINGS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Wine & Spirits*, **Top 50 Pinot Noirs**, 2022

*Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, **Extraordinary Winery of the Year Nominee**, 2020

*Wine Spectator*, **Top 100 Wines of 2019**, MT. JEFFERSON CUVÉE PINOT NOIR





# 11x WINE & SPIRITS TOP 100 WINERY

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Harvest 2024

**M**Y PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AS A writer probably began when I was a "scribe" in Boy Scouts. No, I wasn't getting paid, but I was writing for my peers rather than for a teacher in school. My role was recording our meetings and the more eventful moments of campouts.

I still like taking minutes. At our tastings, I keep a record of how our panelists are reacting to wines—and it's more than simply tallying yeas or nays.

In fact, we do not train our critics to run tastings as stenographers, more as referees, interpreting reactions from the panelists, weighing them, deciding which wines and what commentary to pass through the filter to you. What did they appreciate? What did they love? What made them smile? As tasting reporters, we record our own responses to each wine, then interview our panelists about theirs. We filter the reactions of our tasters even as they influence how we consider our own reactions to a wine.

This may be an antique notion, in an age of social media, when everyone gets their unfiltered say.

Tasting this way, we are no less bound by our own subjective likes or the confines of our own egos. We can't help that, but can acknowledge it, by a tasting process that encourages us and the people who taste with us to confront our subjectivities and our egos. By participating, we have to allow ourselves to be embarrassed by falling in love with a wine that our friends and fellow tasters don't particularly like. You might be surprised by how many talented tasters won't tolerate that form of embarrassment, whether during the tasting, or, once the identities are revealed, in relation to their work as wine buyers.

This kind of research is fraught with random occurrences—bottles that may suffer in shipping or storage, below-threshold flaws, a falling barometer



one day, a rising barometer the next. But, as you will find in this compilation of a year's worth of tastings, presented in these pages, the results are not random. Sometimes, a wine producer will be mystified that we review their inexpensive wine more highly than their own preferred selection. In fact, when our results do not align with the winemaker's intention or the market overall, we take it as a signal. More often than not, it leads us to a discovery, the kind that may be the most valuable insight and information we can share with you.

You'll find some obvious picks in the pages that follow—from wineries that have aligned their current releases to their well-established reputations. But consider the surprises—prominently featured here under names you may not know well, or, perhaps, whose wines you have never tasted. You'll find them among the *Top 100 Best Buys*, some remarkably affordable for what they bring to the table. Or in the diversity of our *Top 100 Wines of the Year*. And, if you find names that surprise you among our *Top 100 Wineries*, know that they have earned their place through remarkable performances across a range of wines. We encourage you to try them, if not blind, then with an open mind. Tastes can be revelatory, and we find it fascinating when wines open a back door to taste, past our egos and whatever framework of limitations they might comfortably impose.

There's plenty of comfort in the wines we present here, our favorites from a year of tastings, and many that took us out of our comfort zones, to pleasures and insights we may not have found before. Welcome to our harvest report at *Wine & Spirits*.

*Joshua Greene*  
JOSHUA GREENE

PHOTOGRAPH BY AMY LOMBARD



Since 1992, Cristom has crafted benchmark Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grown in the volcanic hillsides of our east-facing Eola-Amity Hills estate.



Wine & Spirits  
**TOP 100**  
2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019,  
2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012

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## Top 100 Wineries

OREGON | WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### Cristom

A viticulture and winemaking transition that began a decade ago is now manifest in the exceptional 2021s from Cristom.



DANIEL ESTRIN

WHEN TOM GERRIE, THE SON OF CRISTOM founder Paul Gerrie, took the reins of this venerable winery in 2011, he did so after travels to a range of pinot noir properties. One of his more indelible visits was to Littorai, on California's Sonoma Coast, where Ted Lemon had transformed the home vineyard (called The Pivot) into a small paradise of biodiversity and soil health. Tom began to convert Cristom's viticulture using the principles of biodynamics (not yet certified) and lured Littorai assistant winemaker Daniel Estrin to Oregon to transpire viticultural lessons learned in California, shoring up farming and cellar practices. It's a big ask—the Cristom property is eight times the size of the Pivot, with a wide variety of aspects and soil types—but already they're seeing results, with more robust fruit and better canopies on what Tom calls his "skinny," basalt-strewn hillsides. The Paul Gerrie block is the largest and youngest of those, planted in 2014, and has served as a biodynamic playground for the team, where they experiment and track their viticultural efforts. With his '21 pinots, Estrin's goals offhinder wines at slightly lower alcohols are in his sights. —P.J.C.



**2021 Eola-Amity Hills Louise Vineyard Chardonnay (\$40, 94 points)** Crystalline and pure, this chardonnay is from a small southwest-facing block, planted in 1993 with two distinct sections that are harvested separately, which lends complexity. It smells like sea air, and tastes like eating lemon tart on a beach, its lemon-curd flavors salty, stony and lifted, a modest cushion of citrus and peach fruit to soften the minerality.

**2021 Eola-Amity Hills Mt. Jefferson Cuvée Pinot Noir (\$40, 92 points)** Warm and generous, Mt. Jeff is Cristom's appellation wine drawing largely from the five estate vineyards, as well as a few partners lying within the AVA. A great expression of the vintage, this is youthfully forward, with notes of plum skin, black cherry and clove. Nearly half the wine ferments as whole clusters, adding to the forest floor scent. Its flavors are succulent, pristine and lifted.

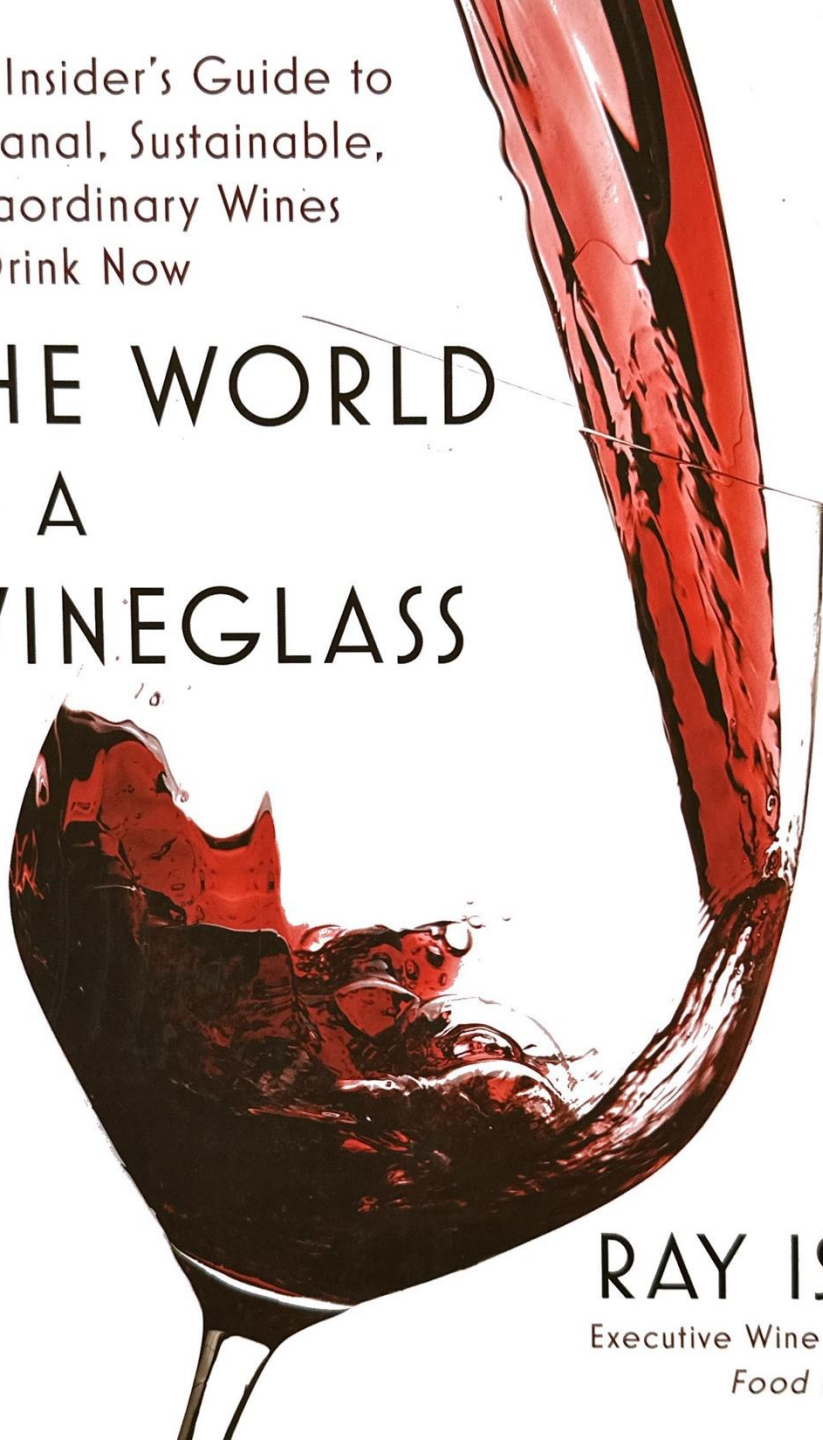
**2021 Eola-Amity Hills Louise Vineyard Pinot Gris (\$30, 92 points)** The lowest elevation blocks of Louise are planted to gris, rooted in marine sediment rather than basalt. This wine is biscuity and bright, with lemon-lime scents, lean and dry with a phenolic, watermelon juiciness and a mineral-citrusy finish. For scallop crudo.

**FOUNDED:** 1992  
**WINEMAKER:** Daniel Estrin  
**VITICULTURISTS:** Tom Gerrie, Daniel Estrin  
**OWNER:** The Gerrie family  
**ACRES OWNED:** 240; 90 under vine  
**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 20,000 cases  
**ESTATE GROWN:** 70%  
**FARMING PRACTICE:** LIVE Certified Sustainable



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Artisanal, Sustainable,  
Extraordinary Wines  
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# THE WORLD IN A WINEGLASS



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## CRISTOM VINEYARDS • EOLA-AMITY HILLS

[organic / biodynamic]

"Everything about Cristom's beginning was about looking for a good piece of soil," Tom Gerrie says. His parents, Paul and Eileen, were Pittsburgh-based wine lovers, and wanted to start the next chapter of their lives growing grapes and making wine. In 1991, at the International Pinot Noir Celebration (IPNC) in McMinnville, Oregon, they were introduced to Mike Eitzel of Beaux Frères (now owned by billionaire François Pinault's Arvémis Domaines); they became friends, and soon Eitzel found them the piece of land that became Cristom. Gerrie says his father's background was petroleum engineering, he worked with geologists; there was something about that ground that spoke to him.

Cristom was founded in 1993, at the start of the second wave of wineries in the Willamette Valley, in company with Domaine Drouhin, Argyle, Beaux Frères, Chehalem, and others. "We were about the seventy-fifth winery in the state," Gerrie says. "Now there are more than a thousand."

Tom Gerrie was eight when his

family moved west. "Some of my early memories are watering baby vines with a long, long hose hauled over from a tank truck." Initially, the elder Gerries farmed conventionally, but working in 2004 with Eitzel, who farmed biodynamically, changed their sons' views about viticulture. "I just had this tremendously profound connection to the way Mike farmed," Tom says. "Building compost piles, turning them the next year, getting the compost into the vines, seeing the richness of that, how it was filled with life—that was like, yes, this is what needs to be feeding back into the soil, not just for the vines but for this entire property. I wasn't really able to put it into words, but I knew I wanted Cristom to be in a place where it would be a healthier, more vibrant, more ecologically diverse, more sustainable ecosystem for whoever came after me."

Cristom has been biodynamic for several years now, but is not certified. "We're renegade biodynamicists and intentionally so," Gerrie says. "We're trying to pull together different

farming paradigms, whether it's permaculture or organic principles or biodynamics. I'm looking for that Venn diagram place where they all meet."

Has this full-on dedication to renegade biodynamics—if that's what to call it—made a difference? Gerrie gives one personal example: "There's a pear tree down by the vineyard house, and I didn't even know it was a pear tree. It hadn't fruited once

in my life. But now it has this crazy abundance of fruit, because there are chickens and sheep around it, working their manure back into the soil. We're putting life back into our soil every single day. Everything here will be healthier for it. And it's not just one pear tree; it's ninety acres of vines, and another one hundred and fifty of forests and fields. A place. A whole ecosystem."

Cristom focuses on seven wines, five of which are solely from the estate. The other two, the **Cristom Vineyards Eola-Amity Chardonnay (\$8)** and the **Mr. Jefferson Cuvée Pinot Noir (\$8)** also use fruit from other growers. "We try to work with people who believe what we believe, or at least are willing to shift or make changes toward working organically," Gerrie says.

The single-vineyard wines come from the ninety acres of estate vines. The **Louise Vineyard Chardonnay (\$18)** balances between citrus and tropical fruit, rich but lifted by fresh acidity. The **Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir (\$18)**—all of the vineyards on the property are named for family matri-

archs, except for the Paul Gerrie Vineyard—comes from the oldest vines on the property. The **Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir (\$18)**, from a higher elevation, tends to be more delicate and floral, with vibrant red fruit. The **Marjorie Vineyard Pinot Noir (\$18)**, from what were the original vines on the site (since mostly replanted due to phylloxera) has more blue fruit and spice. Finally, the **Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir (\$18)**, from an extremely steep, volcanic soil site, is more concentrated and intense, though still remarkably elegant. There are a number of other small-production wines, but they are mostly available only through the tasting room or Cristom's wine club.



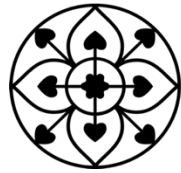
# FEATURED PINOT NOIR RIEDEL PERFORMANCE GLASSWARE

*VinExpo Asia Masterclass March 21, 2024*

Mr. Maximilian Riedel, the 11th generation owner of Riedel hosted a 'Riedel Wine Glass Experience' Masterclass featuring the Performance Glassware at VineExpo Asia in March 2024.

Cristom's Mt. Jefferson Cuvée Pinot Noir was selected to showcase the performance of the Pinot Noir varietal specific glassware and how it enhances the optics, complex aromas, and subtle nuances of the wine more than a traditional glass.





**CRISTOM**  
**VINEYARDS**

## FAST FACTS

**YEAR FOUNDED:** 1992

**OWNERS:** Gerrie Family

**WINEMAKING TEAM:** Tom Gerrie Owner & Winegrower; Daniel Estrin Winemaker & Vineyard Manager; Chris Butler Associate Winemaker; Andy Zorzi; Steve Doerner Winemaker Emeritus

**AVA:** Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA

**LOCATION:** 40 miles southwest of Portland | 10 miles northwest of Salem | 45th Parallel

**LAND:** 240-acre Estate | 84 acres Planted to Vine

**VINEYARDS:** Five world-renowned estate vineyards that are unique in their varied aspects, richly diverse soils, clonal diversity, and micro-climate

- **Eileen Vineyard:** ~20 acres; est. 1997; soils: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Ritner, Witzel, Yamhill); elevation: 545 to 735 ft
- **Jessie Vineyard:** 11.53 acres; est. 1994; soils: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Gelderman, Ritner, Witzel); elevation: 345 to 565 ft
- **Louise Vineyard:** 18.19 acres; est. 1993; 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
- **Marjorie Vineyard:** 5+ acres; est. 1982; replanted beginning in 2004; soils: Volcanic Basalts (Saum, Yamhill, Witzel); elevation: 495 to 620 ft
- **Paul Gerrie Vineyard:** 28.86 acres; est. 2014; soils: Volcanic Basalts (Jory, Saum, Nekia, Yamhill, Gelderman, Ritner, and Witzel); elevation: 540 to 800 ft

**ANNUAL CASE PRODUCTION:** Approximately 22,000 cases (9L)

**VARIETIES PLANTED:** Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Viognier, Syrah, Gamay Noir

**DISTRIBUTION:** 49 states & 40+ international markets

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