



# CURRENT RELEASE

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### 2023 PINOT NOIR

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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 Pinot Noirs, only crafted to represent the larger Willamette Valley AVA. The resulting wine is elegant, balanced, and uniquely Cristom.

#### Vineyards:

- **41% Estate:** 15% Eileen, 12% Paul Gerrie, 8% Louise, 6% Jessie;
- **59% Grower:** benchmark sites, including Von Oehsen Vineyard

#### Winemaking:

- 45% whole cluster
- Native yeast fermentations
- Aged 11 months on its lees in a combination of neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel
- No fining or filtering

**Estate bottled:** August 12, 2024

**Cases Produced:** 2,398 (9L)

**Accolades:** 93 pts *JamesSuckling.com*

**Vintage Notes:** The 2023 vintage started with a cool and wet spring, resulting in a late bud break and slow initial growth. However, late spring ushered in warmer temperatures, and the vines went into overdrive. Fine warm weather for the remainder of the season resulted in optimal growing conditions, providing an abundant fruit set of excellent quality. The ideal weather permitted precise pick timing and a relatively early harvest. Pinot Noir was harvested between September 10th and October 7th with near-perfect chemistry.



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