

JEB DUNNUCK**93****2023 Cristom Vineyards Pinot Noir
Mt. Jefferson Cuvee**

The 2023 Pinot Noir Mt. Jefferson Cuvee is 77% estate fruit, sourced from 250 to 800 feet in elevation. It captures the character of the Eola-Amity Hills in this vintage, overdelivering with notes of ripe cherries, leather, dark spices, and stony persistence. The tannins are ripe and chalky, the acidity is balanced, and the length is notable. Tasted twice, the palate has a plush texture and a graceful yet warming feel. This is the calling card of the estate and a great value. Drink 2025-2035.

The wines for this report were tasted at the winery in the Eola-Amity Hills with winemaker Daniel Estrin. Daniel joined the team in 2019, following his work with Ted Lemon at Littorai, where he began as an intern and worked his way up to assistant winemaker. Although he has certainly taken a page from Ted's farming and biodynamic practices, the estate is not certified, and they prefer not to work within the proscriptive confines of certification. Since taking over at Cristom, he has been making slight adjustments in élevage, reducing some of the oak usage that was previously employed.

- Audrey Frick (8/26/2026)

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