



2016 Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir



The Jessie Vineyard, named for winegrower-owner Tom Gerrie’s great-grandmother Jessie Summers, was established in 1994 after the Gerrie family saw great potential in planting a steep, east-facing hillside to a variety of Pinot Noir clones. Ranging in elevation from 320 ft to 550 ft (98 m to 168 m), this 11.53 acre (4.67 hectare) site is one of the steepest in Oregon, and the most challenging to farm on the Cristom Estate. Jessie is strategically planted at a high density of 2,311 vines per acre (5,710 vines/hectare), based on the philosophy that dense planting creates competition amongst neighboring vines, forcing roots deeper into the topsoil to yield smaller clusters with more concentrated flavors.

“Cristom’s Pinot Noirs have a purity of fruit, precision, balance, complexity, and elegance that put them in a class by themselves.”
- Karen MacNeil, author of *The Wine Bible*



WINEMAKING

49% whole clusters of hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
100% native yeast fermentations

1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-5 ton open-top fermenters
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press and moved to barrel by gravity

Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel
Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 13.7% **TA** 6.9 g/L **pH** 3.78

CLONES Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777) & Pommard

BOTTLED April 27, 2018 **PRODUCTION** 903 cases

COOPERAGE

18 months in French oak, 62% new

36% Tonnellerie François Frères
13% Tonnellerie de Mercurey
17% Seguin Moreau
13% Tonnellerie Remond
9% Sirugue
4% Tonnellerie Cadus
4% Tonnellerie Rousseau
4% Tonnellerie O
4% Tonnellerie Raphael Toutant

Vintage Notes From a historical perspective, the wines of 2016 bear more than a passing resemblance to two other highly-acclaimed Oregon vintages: 2012 and 2008, years known for producing low yields of small, concentrated berries. Three separate heat swells in early spring of 2016 resulted in three distinct bloom periods, creating small amounts of millerandage, (“chicks and hens”) within individual clusters – which we welcome with open arms, as we firmly believe this only adds to the character and complexity of our wines.



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