



2016 Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir



The Eileen Vineyard is named for Cristom’s co-founder, Eileen Gerrie, mother of second-generation winegrower-owner Tom Gerrie. Original planting of the Eileen Vineyard began in 1997 and was later expanded in 2006, resulting in a total of 16.61 acres, (6.72 hectares) and making Eileen our largest estate vineyard. Perched atop the Cristom estate, Eileen is also our highest-elevation vineyard, with commanding views of Oregon’s Cascade Range to the east, and Coastal Range to the west. Eileen’s maritime climate features moderately warm days with especially cool nights, allowing the vines to retain acidity, and produce intense aromas and 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

50% whole clusters of hand-harvested and hand-sorted fruit
100% native yeast fermentations
1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-7 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 13.6% **TA** 5.5 g/L **pH** 3.72

CLONES Dijon (114,115, 777), Pommard & Wädenswil

BOTTLED April 28, 2018 **PRODUCTION** 823 cases

COOPERAGE

18 months in French oak, 68% new
23% Tonnellerie François Frères
18% Tonnellerie Rousseau
13% Tonnellerie Remond
13% Tonnellerie Cavin
9% Tonnellerie Meyrieux
4% Seguin Moreau
4% Sirugue
4% Tonnellerie de Mercurey
4% Tonnellerie Deferarri
4% Tonnellerie Damy
4% Tonnellerie Cadus

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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