



CRISTOM
VINEYARDS

CRISTOM EILEEN PINOT NOIR 2013

Appellation: Eola-Amity Hills; Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Steve Doerner
Closure: Cork
Alcohol: 13.5%
Organically Farmed



Vineyard

The 15-acre Eileen Vineyard is a group of vineyard plots named for Cristom owner Paul Gerrie's wife. Farmed organically, it is the youngest of the estate pinot noir vineyards, planting began in 1997, at the high density of 2300 vines per acre. It extends to the top of the winery's property where cooler conditions and the chance to soak up the last sun of the day encourage the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. Sweetly spiced, with forward-focused fruit and gentle tannins that coat the mouth, Eileen offers immediate drinking pleasure, with an even and voluptuous quality that gives her wide appeal. In 2006 4 and a half acres of new vines (Wädenswil clones) were added to the Eileen Vineyard, producing fruit that promises the best of Eileen is yet to come.

Tasting Notes

Eileen Vineyard tends to produce a wine that is the most precocious of the four estate vineyards and it's often the first wine released into the market. It is always the wine they show first in a line-up of Cristom Pinot Noir. They often find Eileen softer, meaning rounder on the palate with less minerality. Typically, Eileen is textured, layered and creamy on the palate and often recognizable by her bouquet of sweet spices. Eileen offers immediate drinking pleasure, with an even and voluptuous quality that gives her wide appeal.

Reviews:

Open-textured, light on balance and appealing for the dark plum and toasty spice flavors, picking up peppery nuances as the finish lingers with intensity. Best from 2017 through 2021 **90 points Wine Spectator, Feb 29, 2016**

