

## CRISTOM JESSIE PINOT NOIR 2014

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

**Winemaker:** Steve Doerner  
**Closure:** Cork  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%



### Vineyard

Situated on a spectacularly steep site, the Jessie Vineyard boasts the best views on the property. Named for Cristom owner Paul Gerrie's paternal grandmother, Jessie is the most diverse of Cristom's vineyards, and a challenge to farm. As her vines mature, planting began in 1994, at the high density of 2300 vines per acre, Jessie continues to distinguish herself among the other vineyards with a uniqueness and complexity that likely stems from the site's ranging slope and five distinct soil types. Deep, darkly floral notes and a savoury quality imbue Jessie with an appealing texture capable of seducing when young or aging gracefully into the future. Rich and round, with multiple layers of flavour, Jessie is reputed to be the winemaker's favourite.

### Reviews:

Aromas of dried strawberries, figs and hints of toffee follow through to a full body, round and velvety tannins and a juicy finish. Drink now.

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### Tasting Notes

The nose swirls with earthy tones, dense strawberry fields, Chinese cinnamon, fennel seeds, cloves and star anise. On the palate there is a richness to the core of opulent fruit and finishes with slightly sandy tannins and a balanced, persistent finish. This wine is drinking well now and may age for the next 10-12 years gracefully.

### Vintage

The 2014 vintage will be remembered as one of the great vintages in Willamette Valley winegrowing history. A warm, but nearly ideal growing season delivered the rare combination of abundant quantity and exceptional quality fruit that developed into aromatic wines of balance, depth and concentration. The season got off to a warm and dry start with the earliest budbreak and bloom. Growing conditions were mostly dry and warmer than normal throughout the spring and the vineyards produced heavy clusters and large berries. The warm weather conditions continued throughout the summer leading to record high temperatures and the earliest start date to harvest in over two decades. The 2014 vintage broke the previous record for heat accumulation during the growing season, set in 1992.