



CRISTOM JESSIE PINOT NOIR 2015

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

Winemaker: Steve Doerner
Closure: Cork
Alcohol: 14.0%



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

This comes from a steep 3.84ha vineyard on thin volcanic soils and spends 15 months in new and used oak barrels. Bold, bright and intense, this exhibits wild strawberry, cola and spice notes with a perfumed floral embellishment. It has superb tension, balance and elegance thanks to refined tannins and fresh acidity. Expressive and long. **93 points Decanter Magazine August 28, 2018**

Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2015 Pinot Noir Jessie Vineyard is scented of kirsch, mulberries and raspberry tart with underlying Chinese five spice, hoisin and mossy bark hints. Medium-bodied, there's a very seductive mid-palate of red berry and exotic spice flavors, supported by velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with spicy layers. **94 points The Wine Advocate 1/12/17**

Focused, if a bit restrained, with black raspberry, orange peel and green tea flavors that linger toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2023.

-90 points, Wine Spectator.com 2018

Vintage

In 2015, the Pinot Noir vines got off to a warm and dry start with the earliest budbreak (March!) ever recorded at our estate – a full 3 weeks earlier than our twenty-five-year average. Warmth continued through spring, leading to bloom beginning in most blocks at the end of May – also the earliest ever recorded at the estate. The warm, dry weather during flowering was prime for yielding a heavy fruit set, and the vineyard produced sizeable clusters with large berries. These ideal growing conditions created the rare combination of abundant quantity and exceptional quality fruit, producing intensely fragrant and energetic wines that show a blend of depth, concentration and nuance.

Stats

Clones: Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777) Pommard
Cooperage: 18 months in French oak, 52% new
pH: 3.7
TA: 5.6 g/L
Bottled: 2nd April, 2017
Cases Produced: 1006

