



2015 Mt. Jefferson Cuvée Pinot Noir



Mt. Jefferson Cuvée is a blend of the Cristom estate Pinot Noir vineyards along with exceptional fruit we source from neighboring vineyards in the Willamette Valley. These vineyard sites have been thoughtfully selected over the years, and are planted on a variety of soil types, elevations and aspects, representing the Willamette Valley Appellation as a broader whole. These vineyards are farmed by committed winegrowers we are proud to partner with, with each site adding to the character, fruit, and structure of the wine, giving “Mt. Jeff” its deserved reputation as one of the most stylistically consistent Pinot Noirs in the world.

After multiple tastings of every lot of the vintage, it is the “Mt. Jeff” blend that our winemaker crafts first. Whole-cluster fermentations by native yeast and extended aging in French oak are the hallmarks of the Cristom winemaking style. This wine ages in barrel for twelve months, and can stylistically be the most fresh and approachable of the Cristom Pinot Noirs in its youth.

#1 PINOT NOIR IN AMERICA'S BEST RESTAURANTS

Wine & Spirits Annual Restaurant Poll - 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013



WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and hand sorted fruit, 41% whole clusters,
Minimum effective additions of sulfur and tartaric acid, Native yeast fermentations, 1-3 punch-downs daily in 1-7 ton open-top fermenters
Gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press, moved to barrel by gravity and never racked, unless necessary
Undergoes a full malolactic fermentation in barrel

Fined with egg whites, unfiltered

ALC 13.5% **TA** 5.7 g/L **pH** 3.7

CLONES Dijon (113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 828)
Pommard & Wädenswil

BOTTLED Dec. 6 - 16, 2016 **PRODUCTION** 9,562 cases

AGING 12 months in French cooperage, & 12.5% new oak

VINEYARD SOURCES

75% Estate fruit: Eileen, Jessie, Louise & Marjorie Vineyards

Balance from: Amalie Robert, Canary Hill, Feltz, Guadalupe, Hirschy, Hyland, Lillies, Symbion & Tunkalilla

COOPERAGE

15% Sirugue
44% Tonnellerie François Frères
10% Tonnellerie de Mercurey
7% Tonnellerie Deferrari
7% Tonnellerie Meyrieux
7% Tonnellerie Remond
5% Tonnellerie Rousseau
2.5% Tonnellerie Atelier
2.5% Tonnellerie Cavin

Vintage Notes Much like a twin to the 2014 vintage, 2015 will be remembered as a warm year that produced extremely high-quality fruit of great intensity – and also like 2014, the 2015 wines will likely one day be remembered among the better vintages in Willamette Valley winegrowing history. 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.



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