



# Cristom

Cristom Paul Gerrie Vineyard Pinot Noir is a captivating expression of Oregon's Eola-Amity Hills, combining vibrant red fruit, refined tannins, and volcanic minerality with a polished elegance.



## Paul Gerrie Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

Oregon, USA

### Region and Vineyards

The **Paul Gerrie Vineyard**, named after Cristom's founder, is located in the **Eola-Amity Hills AVA** within the **Willamette Valley**. Planted on a gently sloping bench of **deep volcanic soils** such as Jory, Nekia, and Saum, this vineyard benefits from the **cool breezes of the Van Duzer Corridor**, which provide natural temperature regulation, preserving acidity and extending the growing season.

Established in **2014**, the 22-acre vineyard was designed to represent the culmination of Cristom's viticultural knowledge, honed over three decades. It is planted with **Pommard and Dijon clones (115, 667, and 777)**, which contribute to the wine's balance of fruit intensity and structure. The vineyard's high elevation and diverse volcanic soils enhance the wine's minerality and finesse.

### Winemaking

This vintage reflects Cristom's meticulous approach to Pinot Noir. The grapes were **hand-harvested** to preserve quality and underwent **50% whole-cluster fermentation**, enhancing the wine's aromatic complexity and tannic structure. Fermentation was conducted with **100% native yeast**, reflecting the vineyard's natural microbiome.

The wine was aged for **17 months on its lees** in **17% new French oak barrels**, integrating subtle oak nuances while preserving the vibrancy of the fruit. It was bottled **unfined and unfiltered**, ensuring a pure expression of its terroir. The final wine achieved a balanced profile with **13.5% alcohol**, a **pH of 3.67**, and **5.4 g/L of total acidity**.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aromas:** Earthy and complex, with notes of **cola**, **red currant**, and hints of dried herbs and spice.
- **Palate:** Energetic and layered, featuring flavors of **cherry**, **raspberry**, and **sweet citrus**, complemented by spiced notes of **tobacco** and **licorice**. Lively acidity and refined tannins lead to a persistent, elegant finish.



Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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## Did you know?

The **Paul Gerrie Vineyard** was acquired in 2012, fulfilling the founder's dream of expanding Cristom's estate. It represents Cristom's future cornerstone and reflects their dedication to sustainable farming and site-specific winemaking.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roasted duck with plum sauce:** Highlights the wine's red fruit and spiced nuances.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Enhances the earthy and savory undertones of the Pinot Noir.
- **Pan-seared salmon with dill:** Matches the wine's minerality and lively acidity.
- **Aged Gruyère or Brie:** Balances the wine's bright fruit and refined tannins.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

*The 2021 Pinot Noir Paul Gerrie Vineyard was fermented with 40% whole clusters, and the wine was matured for 18 months in 45% new French oak. It's bursting with a kaleidoscopic perfume of strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate and nuances of lavender, licorice and bitters. The light-bodied palate is elegantly styled, with understated, spicy fruit, vibrant acidity, chalky tannins and a very long, layered finish. It opens dramatically as it airs in the glass and will benefit from time in a decanter. 491 cases were made.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)

*A perfumed nose of violets, wild raspberries, lemon zest, red tea, cinnamon stick and crushed stones. It's medium-bodied with sleek, seamless tannins and fresh acidity. Very fine and precise. Minerals and gently bitter tea notes on the finish. Drink from 2022.*

