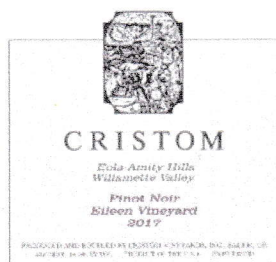


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like *galbi jjim* (Korean short ribs), to really sing. (204 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Winter's Hill \$54
2017 Dundee Hills Single Block Series Block 9-115 Pinot Noir This is unusually austere for a Dijon-clone pinot, with only faint aromas of red cherry and anise. On the palate it's more broad-shouldered, with a liqueur-like extraction to the texture, and the weight for a pork chop. (75 cases) —P.J.C.

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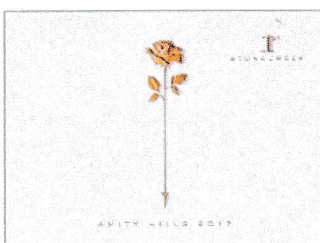


95 | Cristom \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir This pinot, from the top elevations of Cristom's property, topping out at 720 feet, dramatizes a tension between savory whole-cluster scents and luminous lean-fruit expression. It's aromatically seductive, with its scents of clove and thyme, lavender and autumn leaves leading into dark cherry flavors. What's most impressive, though, is the texture, firm but lively, with an acid-tannin matrix that drives the wine with firm, silky intensity. (W&S 12/19; 876 cases) —P.J.C.

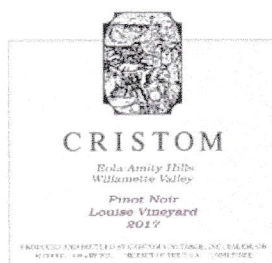


95 | Lumos \$45
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Temperance Hill Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Dai Crisp has been farming the shallow, lean, basalt-edged soils of Temperance Hill for 21 years. This wine gives clues to its structure as you first lean into it, with its piney, slightly dusty aromas. The evergreen scent carries into the black cherry fruit, the textures tense with a mineral compactness and silky, seduc-

tive tannins. It's in great balance now, and will age beautifully. —P.J.C.



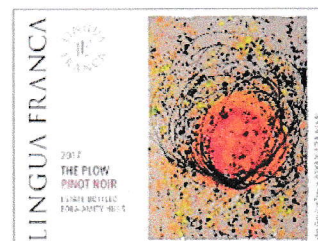
95 | Rose & Arrow \$150
2017 Eola-Amity Hills 1st Stonecreek Amity Hills Pinot Noir From a shallow-soiled parcel in the northern end of the Eola Hills, Stonecreek is among Rose & Arrow's rockiest sites, with alterite and fractured basalt in thin layers over basalt bedrock. The wine it grew in 2017 almost smells well-built, with a concentrated cherry scent that seems to emerge from stone. The wine's mineral tension gives it an assertive power and energy, its pure fruit framed by a firm grip of tannins with umami savor. It's mouthwatering now, and built to age. (W&S 10/19; 148 cases) —P.J.C.



94 | Cristom \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Louise Vineyard Pinot Noir Louise is one of Cristom's warmer, low-elevation sites, with both Jory soils and flood deposits on its lower slopes. The wine is sleek and warm, with scents of tar and black cherries, and bright flavors of cherry and red plum delivered with polished tannins. It could age for years; then serve with quail. (W&S 12/19; 701 cases) —P.J.C.

94 | Iota \$46
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Whole Cluster Pelos Sandberg Vineyard Pinot Noir Iota was established in 2006 by the Pelos and Sandberg families, who moved from Minnesota in 2000 to grow grapes in the northern Eola Hills. In 2016, their estate wine is a knockout, reflecting the rocky, shallow-soiled vineyard site with its tremendous density. It opens like a sunburst, the cherry

fruit expressed with vitality and concentration. The whole-cluster regime (90 percent) contributes lift, structure and a violet note that elevates the smoky Mexican chocolate flavors. (95 cases) —P.J.C.



94 | Lingua Franca \$60
2017 Eola-Amity Hills The Plow Pinot Noir Larry Stone pulls this from an old vineyard site in the eastern Eola Hills; he calls it The Plow as an homage to his growers. It's old-school in its soft scents of tobacco leaf and sassafras, with a complex spice that doesn't prepare you for the generous concentration of the fruit to come. The flavors are all dark red cherry expressed with a cool purity, with fine tannins that add a lasting autumnal note. (W&S 10/19; 400 cases) —P.J.C.

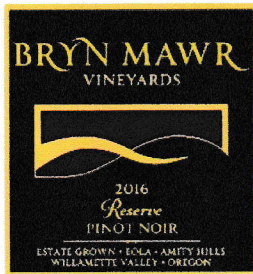
94 | Lumos \$48
2016 Eola-Amity Hills The G Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Dai Crisp calls this "G" because, he says, it's like Guam, "all on its own out there" on the southwest corner of Temperance Hill, nearly adjacent to Cristom's vineyards. The wine is singular, with a seductively savory character—scents of clove, lavender and pinesap—and sleek notes of black cherry and plum. It feels composed and elegant, with lively acidity and fine soil-inflected tannins. No need to wait: This is showing beautifully now. (W&S 8/19; 59 cases) —P.J.C.

94 | Matzinger-Davies \$50
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Three Trees Vineyard Pinot Noir The husband-and-wife team of Anna Matzinger and Michael Davies has teased out a nuanced expression of Eola's volcanic soils from this vineyard just outside Amity. The wine starts out plummy; then, with air, the graphite tannins lock into place, tethering the fruit to the soil. There's a woodland spice that's beautifully integrated, too. This is a tiny production; snatch it up while you can. (25 cases) —P.J.C.

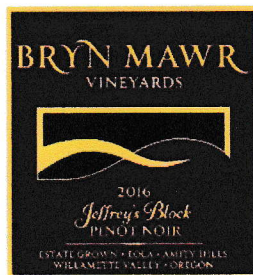
94 | Walter Scott \$55
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Sojourner Vineyard Pinot Noir This grows at a shallow-soiled volcanic site planted in the 1970s on

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the southwest ridge of the Eola Hills. In 2017, it grew a wine with an old-vine feel, a scent of soil and tamarind adorning macerated-cherry flavors. It's firm, with tight tannins, dusted with chocolate mole and minerals—a complex wine for a complex dish, like mole poblano. (W&S 10/19; 445 cases)—P.J.C.



93 | Bryn Mawr \$65
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Reserve Pinot Noir Like the other Bryn Mawr pinots reviewed here, this feels bright and lifted, even as its texture is substantial. Flavors of pomegranate and strawberry lead the way, dusted with *herbes de Provence*; it's tightly wound but the tannins are plush, the wine light enough to pair with fish. (W&S 10/19; 125 cases)—P.J.C.



93 | Bryn Mawr \$50
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Jeffrey's Block Pinot Noir From the estate's oldest blocks, planted from 1994 to 1997, this has a heady richness to its plum-and-black-cherry flavors, and a healthy rasher of oak. By day two, the wine's exuberance has settled a bit, replaced by an assertive fruit presence, vibrant and juicy, leavened by the site's mineral signature. (W&S 10/19; 125 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Big Table Farm \$62
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Pelos Sandberg Vineyard Pinot Noir Big Table has been purchasing fruit from the same blocks of Pelos Sandberg since 2010, and it's often our top-scoring wine from the winery. The 2017 lines its core of dark cherry flavor with dusty rose scents and a mild tanbark earthi-

ness, the savory elements as compelling as the fruit. Direct the tannins at roast duck. (W&S 10/19)—P.J.C.

93 | Cristom \$70
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Marjorie Vineyard Pinot Noir This wine starts out aromatically wild, with scents of crushed, dried violet petals and smoke. After a day it becomes elegant, with flavors of crushed plums infused with soft oak spice, lasting with a fine savor. (W&S 12/19; 384 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Keeler Estate \$28
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Heart Pinot Noir (Best Buy) With scents of clove and mulled spices, this delivers its flavors in waves of richness, the dark, sumptuous fruit pulsing and precise, notes of ripe cherry, blueberry and olive drawing to a savory finish with bay laurel-scented tannins. Impressive for the price. (426 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Lingua Franca \$90
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Mimi's Mind Pinot Noir Everything about this wine feels delicate and precise. Sourced from Mimi Casteel's meticulously farmed site near Lingua Franca, its scents reflect whole-cluster spice—black tea and bergamot—while the flavors are limpid strawberry-rhubarb and cherry, with a grip that reflects the shallow soils of the eastern Eola Hills. Decant it for roast trout. (W&S 10/19; 356 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Lingua Franca \$60
2017 Eola-Amity Hills La Bete Pinot Noir With a formidable build, this seems made for aging, but it's already compelling, with scents of beef consommé, black tea and clove over flavors of plum and cherry, and sumptuous oak molding the contours of the fruit. Cellar. (W&S 10/19; 175 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Lumos \$48
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Upper Bench Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir This leads with scents of mineral dust and caramelized oak. With air it fills out, with a pure driving black-cherry flavor, grippy minerals and what seems like the cool side of perfect ripeness, dark and cinnamon, with a basaltic, mineral close. (69 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Matzinger-Davies \$50
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Poco Vineyard Pinot Noir Poco is a slightly cool north-facing site in the northern reaches of the Eola Hills. This wine is plush but balanced, its scents of hibiscus and cinnamon complementing concentrated dark-fruit flavors,

with dry and suede like tannins that lend tension and grip. (25 cases)—P.J.C.



93 | Rose & Arrow \$120
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Gathered Stones Hopewell Hills Pinot Noir From the east side of the Eola Hills, this sturdy pinot is derived from a complex mélange of basalt-based soils. It's exotic and spicy, with a mineral tinge and an almost saline tang. Texturally it's focused and bright, holding flavors of succulent fruit and wild mushrooms. Cellar it for a year before pouring with swordfish. (W&S 10/19; 244 cases)—P.J.C.

93 | Walter Scott \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Gorgeous from the get-go, this wine, from the high north block of this fabled vineyard, issues a light-beam of red cherry fruit simultaneous to its herbal elements of tobacco, bergamot and black pepper. It's elegant and poised, even as it feels like it will burst from all the freshness it's emitting. This is likely to reward years of cellar time. (W&S 10/19; 100 cases)—P.J.C.

92 | Adelsheim \$85
2015 Eola-Amity Hills Zenith Vineyard Pinot Noir Elegant and a bit reticent, this wine from the Hills' windy west side feels earthy and savory, with scents of olive, tobacco and cherry skin. The flavors are vibrant and succulent, with an invigorating red-cherry/cranberry tartness, and firm tannins on the finish. (W&S 10/19)—P.J.C.

92 | Bergström \$70
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Wildly spiced, with scents of sage, rosemary, pipe tobacco and that peculiar smoky cherry scent that seems a signature impression from Temperance Hill, this has a mouthfilling succulence. Give it time in the cellar to gather in that mineral intensity, before serving with chicken and mushrooms. (W&S 10/19; 350 cases)—P.J.C.

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92 | Cristom \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir Like a Highland single malt, this leads with scents of peat and pepper. The flavors fall deftly between plum, black cherry and savor, with a suave texture that belies a granular intensity, succulent and energetic for veal marsala. (W&S 12/19; 917 cases) —P.J.C.



92 | Lingua Franca \$55
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Estate Pinot Noir Larry Stone's estate pinot balances pretty cinnamon notes with cherry scents, whisked together in a suspension such that neither dominates. The flavors feel lighter and less ripe than the aromas would suggest, more cranberry and melon, but the texture gains heft from the spice and energy of the driving acidity. (W&S 10/19; 800 cases) —P.J.C.

92 | Lumos \$48
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Pumpphouse Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir From a high-elevation parcel planted in Witzel soils, the rockiest, most impoverished soil series in the Eola Hills, this muscular wine starts out smoky and mulled in its dark plum richness. With air, the wine lights up, retaining a generous core of plum fruit and vine-bark savor, all the while remaining generous, succulent and remarkably focused, with cedary tannins and rippling acidity. (W&S 8/19; 45 cases) —P.J.C.

92 | Matzinger-Davies \$50
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir This brings together fruit from Poco and Three Trees vineyards in the Eola Hills. Its spice component frames deep, dark cherry flavor, becoming more spicy, concentrated and basaltic with air. The mineral grip may soften with some cellar time, or serve the wine now with a lamb tagine. (200 cases) —P.J.C.

92 | Panther Creek \$65
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Carter Vineyard Pinot Noir This quickly sheds its cola and sassafras notes, becoming all about pure,

dark, sweet plum and blueberry flavors, with mouthwatering acidity. For game, like quail. (75 cases) —P.J.C.

92 | Roserock \$35
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Domaine Drouhin Oregon purchased Roserock, a vineyard of volcanic soils in Eola-Amity Hills, in 2013. This vintage starts off spicy and dark, with a clove-and-cocoa aroma that lifts with air. It's earthy, lean and elegant, with plum flavors and hints of beet greens, and mildly gripping tannins. For moussaka. —P.J.C.

91 | Bryn Mawr \$50
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Jeffrey's Block Pinot Noir With cherry-blossom scents grounded by a walnut-skin savor, this is plump and red-fruited, taking on a tinge of orange rind as the tannins sweep across the palate. (100 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Bryn Mawr \$50
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Krista's Block Pinot Noir From the shallowest soils of Krista's Block, this pinot leads with bright red fruit that lifts the wine even as its oak frame grounds it. It has the structure for smoky grilled char. (W&S 10/19; 125 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Cherry Hill \$30
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir Quiet and mellow at first go, this has notes of dark spice and cracked grain to go along with the strawberry flavors. Pleasingly crunchy and bright, with lean, lithe tannins, it's a well-priced pinot for fennel-rubbed pork loin. (W&S 6/19; 2,331 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Keeler Estate \$38
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Estate Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Scents of pine and woodsmoke lead in this strapping red. It's firm and muscular, with green notes informing a juicy core of cherry flavor. Decant it to serve with duck. (354 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Lavinea \$75
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Elton Vineyard Pinot Noir From an old-vine site near Hopewell, in the eastern slopes of the Eola-Amity Hills, this wine is exceedingly well built, to the point of feeling a bit distant when first poured. It takes a day and a decant to unfurl and, when it does, it's a model of composure: mildly smoky aromas, scents of roses, sweet cherry flavors—a quiet, calm projection of pinot character. (W&S 8/19; 263 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Lavinea \$75
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir From a windswept site on Temperance Hill, this wine has shy scents of lavender and cherry blossoms. The flavors are lean and cinched in the middle, delineated by fine oak and cherry flavors. It needs a bit of time to come together. (W&S 8/19; 364 cases) —P.J.C.

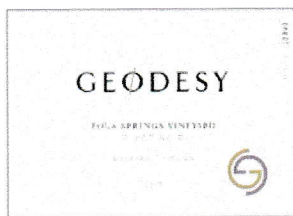
91 | Lumos \$48
2016 Eola-Amity Hills North Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir This block is exposed to the elements, rising to 850 feet on the north side of the property. The wine smells of tea and dried flowers; the flavors are deep, dark cherry, with a gentle acidity and fine tannins that will pair beautifully with smoked trout. (W&S 8/19; 91 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Lumos \$48
2017 Eola-Amity Hills The G Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir This bottling is drawn from an outlying shallow-soiled parcel of Temperance Hill. It's intensely mineral, giving the dark violet plum fruit tension and drive. This needs some months to pull together. (97 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Panther Creek \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Carter Vineyard Pinot Noir Working with a site planted in 1983, winemaker Tony Rynders teased out a generous ripeness while leaving the old-vine character intact. The fruit is accented by notes of clove and mace, and a powdery mineral texture lends the wine structure and impressive length. (100 cases) —P.J.C.

91 | Walter Scott \$65
2017 Eola-Amity Hills Seven Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir Raj Parr and Sashi Moorman dole out a single acre's worth of fruit to Walter Scott for this bottling. It has the spiced-earth accents typical of Seven Springs adorning an elegant, reticent cherry scent. The flavors stress structure more than fruit at present, with fine tannins giving the red fruit a shy, chewy succulence. It's lean and on point for duck. (W&S 10/19; 275 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Iota \$42
2016 Eola-Amity Hills Pelos Sandberg Vineyard Pinot Noir A touch smoky at first pass, with scents of black pepper and plum, this is powerful and dark, the fruit supple as velour, with suave tannins. For a lean burger. (535 cases) —P.J.C.



90 | Geodesy \$80

2017 Eola-Amity Hills Eola Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir Oak leads the charge in this spicy red, smelling of warm cherries, caramel and Christmas spices. The flavors are ripe and satisfying, the oak guiding the wine with a firm intensity. Cellar it to let the fruit come forward before serving with Cornish game hens. (W&S 10/19; 143 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Lumos \$48

2016 Eola-Amity Hills Upper Bench Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir Scents of tanbark and freshly turned earth lend a savory note to this dark, red-fruited pinot. Its flavors fall to black plum and dried clay, with smokiness to the tannins that suggests grilled duck breast as a pairing. (W&S 8/19; 67 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Matzinger-Davies \$42

2015 Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir Dark and intense, with a sumptuous oak build, this wine is packed with dark plum flavors, but needs some cellar time to meld. (W&S 12/19; 300 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Panther Creek \$45

2016 Eola-Amity Hills Lazy River Vineyard Pinot Noir Leafy and dark, this has a cinnamon-stick spiciness that feels seductive and sumptuous. The oak is giving the wine a comfortable suaveness, and it needs time to integrate. Cellar. (175 cases) —P.J.C.

MCMINNVILLE

90 | Coeur de Terre \$38

2016 McMinnville Heritage Reserve Pinot Noir (Best Buy) When first opened, this pinot smells of gingerbread and five-spice powder. The flavors are dark, with a touch of coffee, the tannins firm and structured; despite its volume, the wine feels seductive. It needs something substantial and meaty, like lamb chops. (303 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Hyland Estates \$60

2017 McMinnville Dijon 115 Pinot Noir A juicy, forward iteration of Dijon clone 115, this leads with a wave of dark fruit, lined with oak flavor. The wine needs time to knit, but

it has a powerful package of components already in place. Cellar. (96 cases) —P.J.C.

90 | Hyland Estates \$60

2017 McMinnville Wadenswil Pinot Noir From old Wadenswil-clone vines, this shows a kind of burly concentration in its dark cherry and red plum flavors. The texture feels lined with a lean savor of tar and menthol, drawn together nicely with fine-grained tannins. (222 cases) —P.J.C.

89 | Yamhill Valley \$26

2016 McMinnville Estate Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Bright and vibrant, this wine's sweet-and-sour cherry scents have a juicy burst of flavor, pulling together lively acids and ripe tannins. —P.J.C.

RIBBON RIDGE

93 | RR Wines \$69

2017 Ribbon Ridge Ridgecrest Vineyards Pinot Noir A sleek, elegant pinot, this is dark and suave, with scents of purple berry and black cherry and flavors of clove-spiced plum. It's all delivered with fine-grit tannins that lend depth and length to the raw-silk texture. It's ageable, as you'll see in the note on the 2012 vintage of this wine, below. (472 cases) —P.J.C.

93 | RR Wines \$89

2012 Ribbon Ridge Ridgecrest Vineyards Pinot Noir Harry Peterson-Nedry sought to validate the aging power of Oregon pinot noir by submitting a handful of older vintages for review with the current vintage. This 2012 proves his point, the wine bringing together dark fruit and haunting secondary aromas. It's sumptuous from the first sip, in its savory scents of black tea, clove and smoke and its dark, burnished fruit. After the mint and clove notes recede, the wine lasts with a sophisticated, layered, complex array of dried-fruit flavors, from plum to black cherry and strawberry. Drink now to remind yourself of the wonders of older Oregon pinot. (433 cases) —P.J.C.

92 | RR Wines \$109

2007 Ribbon Ridge Ridgecrest Vineyards Pinot Noir At 12 years of age, this Ribbon Ridge wine still has plenty of life, with the savor of consommé and a caramelized sweetness. It leads with scents of beef consommé and black fig, then turns toward cherry and root vegetable flavors, with a honeycomb and coffee sweetness. It feels burnished and detailed, with the elegance of a wine approaching its essence. (684 cases) —P.J.C.

A tall, dark wine bottle for Portia Bodegas Triennia 2014. The bottle has a black label with white text. At the top is a stylized logo of three triangles meeting at a point. Below it, "PORTIA" is written in large, bold, serif letters, followed by "BODEGAS" in smaller letters. A circular seal on the neck of the bottle reads "Triennia 2014 92 PTS Wine & Spirits". The main label features the word "TRIENNIA" in large serif letters, with "BODEGAS" below it, and "RIBERA DEL DUERO" at the bottom. At the very bottom of the label, it says "Origen: Ribera del Duero". Below the bottle, there is a quote: "An elegant, mineral-inflected red from Grupo Faustino's 395-acre vineyard project, started in the 1990s in Ribera del Duero's northern reaches, this grows at the Pago Carronda in Gumiel de Mercado, where the vines rise above 3,000 feet." followed by "Joshua Greene 92 pts". Below the quote is the website "bodegasportia.com" and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.