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Highlights from the Press – J. Christopher 2020

WHITE WINES



J. Christopher Chardonnay, Cuvée Lunatique, Willamette Valley 2020

[92] James Suckling

This has a pretty nose of sliced pears, honeysuckle, lemon curd and peaches. So fresh clear and creamy, with a medium body and delicious peachy layers backed up by bright acidity. *May 2023*

[91] Northwest Wine Report — Critic's Choice —

The aromas offer notes of peach, lemon, herb, and candle wax along with some reduction. A lighter-styled palate follows, with a vein of lemony acidity that keeps the interest elevated. The freshness is impressive, as is the price. *July 14, 2023*

[91] Owen Bargreen

This 2020 Chardonnay comes off forward and delicious with brioche bread, green apple and bright starfruit notes on the palate. Enjoy now. Drink 2023-2028. *May 2023*

[90] Wine Enthusiast

Always one of the Willamette Valley's best values, the Lunatique does not disappoint in 2020. The wine's fresh aromas combine lime-scented laundry powder with tart lime and earthy hay. Brisk flavors like an arugula salad dressed with a lime vinaigrette and juniper berries go on forever, along with wee bits of mineral water and thyme. *December 2023*

[15.5] Jancis Robinson

Pale lemon in colour. Quiet and mineral on the nose — petrichor (hot concrete + rain). The palate is slightly phenolic, high acid, refreshing with a light spritz but not incredibly expressive. *July 2023*



J. Christopher Sol et Soleil Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2020

[94] International Wine Report

Showcasing a light lemon core with a silvery rim this wine starts off with notes of lemon pie citrus, green apple, white wildflowers, and crushed rock salinity. Abundant acidity, a medium-bodied texture, and a lengthy fruit and saline-driven finish complete the wine. *April 2024*

[93] Wine Enthusiast — Editors' Choice —

This lighter-bodied Chardonnay strikes first with aromas of grilled lemons and peaches, then jasmine flowers, butter and roasted filberts. Goose bump-inducing acidity jump-starts flavors like blood orange olive oil cake and white grapefruit. The wine's crisp texture almost crunched with each sip. *December 2023*

[93] Northwest Wine Report — Cellar Stocker —

Aromas of slate, struck flint, toast, hazelnut, crayon, corn husk, white peach, and lemon lead to a fuller-feeling palate that shows pleasing textural richness and definition, with pumpkin spice accents. Lemony acidity backs it up. It's a knee-buckler of a wine. *July 14, 2023*

[92] Owen Bargreen

The 2020 'Sol et Soleil' is nicely concentrated and comes off clean. Bright pear and nectarine flavors mingle well with salty and stony accents on the palate. Drink 2023-2028. *May 2023*

[91] James Suckling

A richer Willamette Valley Chardonnay with baked apples, pastries, hazelnuts and salted butter on the nose. Smoked almonds, too. It's medium- to full-bodied with tasty nutty elements to the ripe, creamy fruit. *May 2023*

[16] Jancis Robinson

Pale gold in colour. Struck-match reduction, vanilla custard and toasted mochi on the nose. High acid on the palate with preserved lemon and salt. A lingering, toasty finish with a touch of slightly smoky white sesame seed. *July 2023*

Continues



J. Christopher Sonnenschein Riesling, Willamette Valley 2020

[93] Wine Enthusiast – Editors' Choice –

This tip of the cap to the German Feinherb style opens with the most beautiful aromatic combination of donut peaches and the sweetness of Mirabelle plums. Tiny scents of pine needles and wet slate hover in the background. The wine's lemon drop, coconut, yellow apple, spearmint, and honeycomb flavors and slippery texture may remind you a bit of a nice Sauternes. *November 2023*

[92] International Wine Report

Starts off with a gorgeous array of toasted coconut, honey, lime zest, yellow peach, forest herbs, and mango aromas and flavors. A slight petrol aroma appears after a few minutes in the glass. It's made in an off-dry style which should help this wine age wonderfully. *Apríl 2024*

[91] Owen Bargreen

Made in the Kabinett style, this outstanding and very fresh Riesling offers green apple, petrol and ginger notes on the palate. Showing a soft texture, this is really delicious to enjoy now. Drink 2023-2028. *May 2023*

[90] Northwest Wine Report — Critic's Choice —

Vibrant, unmistakably varietal aromas of lime leaf, whole lime, honeysuckle, lemon iced tea, and white peach lead to lively stone fruit-filled flavors. It's a lovely offering of the variety. *July 14, 2023*

[16.5] Jancis Robinson

Medium lemon in colour. Sweet white blossom and petrol on the nose—lovely and classic. Scintillatingly high, crisp acidity and a touch of residual sugar to balance it. The acid carried on a refreshing, lightweight finish with a lingering flavour of fresh pea blossom. Few producers do Willamette Valley Riesling this classically and this well. *July 2023*

RED WINES

J. Christopher Cristo Irresisto Oregon Pink Wine Rosé 2020

[88] Wine Enthusiast

Not your standard rosé, this is principally sourced from Columbia Gorge Grenache and Syrah, though it seems as if some of the white wine may be in the mix as well. It's sharp and spicy, with expressive minerality and some finishing tannings. *March* 2022