



## J. CHRISTOPHER 2018 Volcanique Pinot Noir, Special Selection

**A special-selection Pinot Noir that beautifully displays the depth and elegance of the Dundee Hills appellation.**

The Volcanique cuvée is a selection of outstanding barrels from vineyards we work with in the Dundee Hills. The wine showcases the savory quality, the fruit purity, and the fine-grained texture that characterizes the deep, red volcanic clay of these hills. The 2018 is an excellent example, with its delicately floral fruit aromas, silky texture and structural finesse. As with all of our wines, it has the depth and structure to age gracefully for many years.

### ABOUT THE 2018 VINTAGE

We had another very warm and dry year in 2018, the eighth hottest on record. But it was not as hot as the previous two years, and there were no extreme temperature spikes. This made for a balanced growing season with much less heat stress. As in 2017, cooler weather and a bit of cleansing rain came to us in September, which helped slow down the ripening, while retaining freshening acidity. The wines are characterized by fruit that is rich and dense, but not overripe, supported by juicy acidity and a fine, ripe tannins.

### ABOUT J. CHRISTOPHER

J. Christopher is a line of wines that elegantly capture the distinctive character of Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley. Owned by internationally renowned winegrower, Erni Loosen (also owner of Appassionata Estate, where the wines are produced), the focus is on expressive Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc made using the patient, unhurried approach of the Old World. Fruit for J. Christopher Wines is sourced from excellent growers in several different sub-appellations of the Willamette Valley. With a deep commitment to environmentally sustainable farming and production practices, the mission of J. Christopher Wines is to produce terroir-driven wines in an age-worthy style that emphasizes finesse, length and balance.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Appellation:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard Sources:** Bella Vida, Abbey Ridge, Charlie's and Kolb vineyards

**Soil Type:** Volcanic

**Clones:** Pommard, Wädenswil, Dijon 115 & 777

**Age of Vines:** 10 to 30 years

**Viticulture:** Sustainable

**Average Yield:** 2.5 tons per acre

**Vinification:** 100% destemmed; native yeast fermentation; unforced malolactic; 18 months in barriques (25% new); no fining or filtration.

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Total Production:** 868 cases

**UPC:** 810404020586

### FROM THE PRESS

#### [94] Wine Spectator

*"Silky and elegantly layered, with raspberry and strawberry blossom notes, which are accented by orange zest and black tea and linger on a polished finish."* March 2022

#### [91] Wine Enthusiast

*"Pretty cherry fruit shines brightly here, with a seam of blood orange adding fresh acidity. This is a clean, well-delineated wine."* February 2022

#### [91] Vinous

*"Ripe red and blue fruit aromas show fine definition and complementary suggestions of candied flowers, smoky minerals and allspice. Juicy and broad on the palate. Dusty tannins build slowly on the persistent finish, adding framework and gentle closing grip."* February 2022

