



## J. CHRISTOPHER 2021 J.J Pinot Noir

**Ripe, richly fruity, and with a persistent brightness, J.J is a juicy introduction to the world of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir.**

This is an appealing, fruit-forward expression of cool-climate Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The climate here is ideal for the delicate Pinot Noir grape, and the warm, dry summers allow for steady, even ripening. This cuvée showcases the rustic elegance that Oregon Pinot is known for and is suited for every palate, from newbie to oenophile. The wine was selected to deliver maximum Pinot pleasure for everyday enjoyment. The 2021 is lush and offers notes of cherry cola and black tea with a pleasing finish.

### THE 2021 VINTAGE

Winemaker Tim Malone describes the 2021 vintage as “the year of the heat dome!” High heat and no rain made for an easy growing season with low mildew and disease pressure. The heat finally broke in September giving the vineyard a much needed reprieve. We then rolled into a classic Oregon harvest with cool nights that slowed ripening and gave time for flavor development. We experienced a weekend of heavy rain in mid-September requiring all hands on deck to bring the fruit in. While this vintage was warmer and dryer than usual, the resulting fruit is clean, healthy, and flavorful.

### ABOUT J. CHRISTOPHER WINES

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:** Willamette Valley

**Grape Variety:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Total Production:** 2,365 cases

