



J. CHRISTOPHER 2019 Bella Vida Vineyard Pinot Noir

A complex and evocative Pinot Noir that beautifully expresses the floral elegance of the Red Hills of Dundee.

The Bella Vida vineyard is one of the most beautiful sites in the heart of the Dundee Hills. With its deep red Jory clay and its stunning view of the Willamette Valley, this vineyard consistently produces exceptional fruit that captures the essence of this beautiful place on earth. The 2019 has a rich, spicy aroma and an elevated lushness on the palate, with the finesse and fine tannin structure that are characteristic of these hills.

ABOUT THE 2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was challenging in all the ways that can bring out the best in Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The growing season was a welcome respite from the warm temperatures of the previous five years. It started off with a cold snap in February, turning slightly warmer than average in late spring, followed by a mild summer with no major heat spikes. Cooling rain that came in mid-September had us looking for small windows of sun to pick, but it brought us beautiful wines reminiscent of Oregon past. It was a more “classic” Willamette Valley vintage, with plenty of time for slow, steady ripening, resulting in beautiful, energetic Pinots with silky texture and a balance of fruit and earth.

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: Dundee Hills
Soil Type: Volcanic Jory clay
Clones: Pommard, Wädenswil
Age of Vines: 20 to 25 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: 13.5%
Total Production: 147 cases
UPC: 810404020227

FROM THE PRESS

[95] Wine Enthusiast – Cellar Selection –
“Aromatic combination of dried rose petals, red raspberries and lilacs with traces of loam and barnyard. Bing cherry, anise and espresso with a lemon twist flavors coat the palate. Muscular tannins and juicy acidity.”
November 2023

[92] Northwest Wine Report – Cellar Stocker –

“The aromas are perfumed, with notes of strawberry, rain-soaked herb, and wet stone. Lighter-styled, juicy flavors follow, with pleasing textural richness.” July 14, 2023