



J. CHRISTOPHER 2020 Cuvée Lunatique Chardonnay

Made with no new oak and no malo, this insanely tasty Chardonnay is bright, pure and vibrant.

The Cuvée Lunatique is a fresh and lively Chardonnay that is made in a style inspired by the finely structured, steely white wines of the Mâcon in Burgundy. To preserve its bright fruit and crisp texture, it is produced in a stainless steel tank, with no malolactic fermentation. This wine-making method creates a very refreshing wine that balances delicious fruitiness with energizing mineral tension.

THE 2020 VINTAGE

After a mild and dry winter, erratic swings in temperature and rainfall in spring caused an uneven fruit set and a smaller potential crop. Otherwise, fruit development was more or less normal through the dry and warm summer. In September, forest fires created smoky conditions throughout the Willamette Valley. This was compounded by a local wildfire on the ridge directly above our winery, and much of our estate Pinot Noir was not useable. Fortunately, the Pinot Noir we sourced from other areas of the valley was not as heavily affected and, with some extra work in the cellar, we produced a reduced range of very engaging wines that capture the nature of the vintage. In addition, the white varieties were not affected, and turned out beautifully, because they are not fermented with the skins, where the smoke compounds collect.

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

Vineyard Sources: Yamhill Vineyard

Soil Type: Marine sediment

Viticulture: Sustainable

Vinification: Whole-cluster pressing; fermented in stainless steel; no malolactic fermentation.

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total Production: 216 cases

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