



J. CHRISTOPHER 2019 Kolb Vineyard Pinot Noir

A single-vineyard Pinot Noir that beautifully displays the depth and elegance of the Dundee Hills appellation.

The Kolb Vineyard is a lovely three-acre site on a gentle, south-facing slope that's tucked away in an out-of-the-way corner of the Dundee Hills. Its 25-year-old, ungrafted Pommard vines produce complex wines with pure fruit and an elegant structure. The 2019 is gorgeously delicate on the palate, with an elegantly silky and seamless texture. A ripe, fruity juiciness leads to a beautifully persistent finish.

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.

FROM THE PRESS

[94] Decanter

"Candied red and blueberry fruits, rose petals, and basil aromatics. The palate offers an array of superlatives, fresh, elegant and graceful red fruits, raspberry, and bright strawberries meld with fresh wintergreen and herbal notes. The finish lingers long and elegant." May 2023

[93] Wine Enthusiast

"A lighter-bodied Pinot Noir that operationalizes the phrase 'ethereal beauty.' Dried cherry, almond extract and bergamot tea flavors are graced by a lithe mouthfeel and integrated tannins." October 2023

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

"There's a pleasing balance of elegance and richness."
July 14, 2023

TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Dundee Hills

Soil Type: Volcanic Jory clay

Clones: Pommard

Age of Vines: 26 years

Viticulture: Sustainable; practicing organic

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: 96 cases

UPC: None

