



J. CHRISTOPHER 2019 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 2019 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 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

Clones: Pommard, Wädenswil, Dijon 115

Age of Vines: 20 to 30 years

Viticulture: Sustainable

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

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 919 cases

UPC: 810404020586

FROM THE PRESS

[94] Wine Enthusiast — *Editors’ Choice* —

“There is a beautiful balance here between bright red and cherry fruit, silky tannins and energetic acidity. The wine feels silky and full in the mouth, with traces of iron and burnt sugar on a very long finish.” November 2023

[94] James Suckling

“A fresh and fleshy pinot with notes of red and blue fruit with blue flowers and pink peppercorns. Toned and persistent on the palate with silky texture and crunchy red berries. Its power is expressed in its delicacy. Delicious and attractive.” April 2023