



J. CHRISTOPHER 2021 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 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

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: 190 cases

UPC: 183103000785