



## J. CHRISTOPHER 2021 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 2021 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 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:** Dundee Hills

**Soil Type:** Volcanic, Jory

**Clones:** Pommard, Wädenswil, Dijon 115 & 777

**Age of Vines:** 10 to 25 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:** 1,983 cases

**UPC:** 810404020586

### FROM THE PRESS

#### [90] Wine Enthusiast

*“The Volcanique possesses a cornucopia of Italian herb seasoning aromas, including thyme, oregano, basil and rosemary. The aromatic herb cloud surrounds notes of blackberries and pine needles. The balanced Pinot Noir offers rich blackberry, caramel and lavender matcha flavors supported by gentle acidity and velvety tannins. I dare you not to be hungry after sniffing and sipping this wine.”* October 2025

