



# J. CHRISTOPHER 2014 ABBEY RIDGE PINOT NOIR



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Located in Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley, J. Christopher Wines is a small winery that specializes in Pinot Noir made in the traditional style of Burgundy, and in Sauvignon Blanc modeled after the great wines of Sancerre. The winery is co-owned by Jay Somers, who has been making wine in Oregon for more than 20 years, and Ernst Loosen, owner of the Dr. Loosen estate in Germany. Their shared philosophy is to produce wines in an Old World style that emphasizes focus, length and balance.

## ABBAY RIDGE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR (DUNDEE HILLS AVA)

If Oregon had a vineyard classification, Abbey Ridge would unquestionably top the list of "grand cru" sites. It lies high up in the Dundee Hills and produces some of the most distinctive wines in the state. From thin volcanic topsoil, this cool, high-elevation site typically yields delicate, finely floral wines with a touch of dried herbs and an engaging mineral depth.

## THE 2014 VINTAGE

We had an excellent growing season in 2014, with an exceptional fruit set, dry weather through September, and an abundant harvest of ripe, healthy fruit. It was a rare vintage that gave us full ripeness, reasonable alcohol and good acidity. Normally, we only get two out of three. Overall, it was a warm vintage, but the alcohol conversion rates were low, which resulted in wines that are both very ripe and very elegant.

## TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape variety:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard source:** Abbey Ridge

**Soil types:** Volcanic clay over basalt subsoil

**Clones:** Coury

**Age of vines:** 16 years old

**Vineyard management:** Sustainable; dry farmed

**Average yield:** 2.5 tons per acre

**Harvest method:** Hand picking

**Harvest date:** September 2014

**Vinification:** 100% destemmed; 2.5-ton fermenters; native yeasts; unforced malolactic fermentation

**Maturation:** 18 months in barriques; 25% new oak

**Bottling date:** April 2016

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

**Total production:** 100 cases