



J. Christopher winery



Owner Ernst Loosen

J. CHRISTOPHER 2016 J.J Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



ABOUT J. CHRISTOPHER

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 owned by Ernst Loosen, proprietor of the Dr. Loosen estate in Germany. Working together with his Oregon-born winemaking collaborator, Jay Somers, the philosophy at J. Christopher is to produce wines in an Old World style that emphasizes focus, length and balance.

J.J PINOT NOIR

This second-label Willamette Valley wine is a blend of barrels that did not fit well stylistically with the regular J. Christopher bottlings. The winemaking and fruit sources are the same for all of the wines, but this is typically a blend of barrels that are more fruit-forward. The barrel selection process starts with the single-vineyard wines, the special cuvées, and then the two elemental cuvées: Basalte and Volcanique. What remains goes into the J.J Pinot Noir.

THE 2016 VINTAGE

It was another warm year in the Willamette Valley, but the earlier flowering still gave us enough hang time to develop ripe aromas and flavor in the fruit. The wines are pure and charming, with supple acidity and a cool, silky texture.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard sources: Very good sites in three Willamette Valley AVAs:

- Bella Vida (Dundee Hills)
- Lia's, Medici, Appassionata and Olenik (Chehalem Mountains)
- Three Angels (Eola-Amity Hills)

Soil types: Volcanic and marine sediment

Clones: Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 115, 667 & 777

Vineyard management: Sustainable, dry farmed

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation; 20 months in barriques (25% new)

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total production: 1,567 cases

UPC: 183103000938

SRP: \$24.99

FROM THE PRESS

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

"Here is an easy-drinking, entry-level Pinot, with a mix of red berries and a hint of banana fruit highlighting the flavors. It's supported with ample tannins and acidity, and offers a good representation of Willamette Valley Pinot at a relatively modest price." *April 2020*