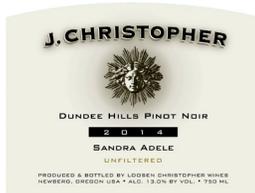


J. CHRISTOPHER



Highlights from the Press – J. Christopher 2014



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Sandra Adele, Dundee Hills 2014

[93] *Wine & Spirits* — Year's Best Pinot Noirs 2017— Sandra Adele takes its name from winemaker Jay Somers' mother; it's drawn from two vineyards, Abbey Ridge and Charlie's, in the Dundee Hills. This vintage has a delicate savor when first poured, with scents of woodsmoke and underbrush suggesting a crisp fall day. The flavors reflect that savory air, centered on a deep red cherry core with exceptional clarity and grace, the finish energized by exuberant acidity. *June 2017, April 2018*

[93] *JamesSuckling.com*

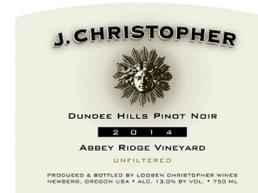
Ripe strawberries with hints of spices and dried flowers on the nose. Medium to full body, silky tannins and a clean and racy finish. Very intense and focused. *November 2016*

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

Principally blended from Abbey Ridge vineyard fruit, this offers red plum and cherry fruit, with a distinct streak of pineapple. Native yeast was employed, along with aging in one-quarter new oak, adding hints of Asian spices. The length and balance are impressive. *June 2017*

[92] *Vinous.com*

Lurid red. High-pitched aromas of ripe raspberry, cherry pit, Asian spices and fresh flowers develop a zesty mineral quality in the glass. Gently sweet, penetrating and focused on the palate, offering vibrant red berry and bitter cherry flavors that flesh out and put on weight with air. Smoke and spicecake notes appear on the clinging, smoke-tinged finish, which features even tannins and an echo of bitter cherry. *December 2016*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Abbey Ridge Vineyard, Dundee Hills 2014

[93] *Wine & Spirits* — Year's Best Pinot Noirs 2017— The kinship between this wine and the Sandra Adele (also recommended) is evident in their shared vibrancy, though the fruit here feels riper, a bit more luxurious—from the briary scents to the saturated cherry flavor, and especially in the grip of its supple tannins, commanding and firm in their length. Still, the vibrant acidity gives the finish a lift, suggesting roast duck would be a good pairing. *June 2017, April 2018*

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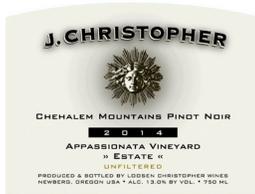
Aromas of dried strawberries and toffee follow through to a medium to full body, fine and chewy tannins and a fresh and flavorful finish. Stylish and cool. *November 2016*

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

Bold and spicy, this vineyard selection impresses with dusty tangy red and purple fruits. They are elevated with pineapple and citrus flavors from supporting acidity. The length and complexity are excellent, as is the entire lineup of 2014 Pinots from J. Christopher. *June 2017*

[92] *Vinous.com*

Brilliant red. Powerful, spice-laced red berry and rose pastille scents are complemented by hints of smoky minerals and star anise. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering sappy bitter cherry and raspberry flavors that deepen and become sweeter on the back half. Delivers a serious punch of red fruit flavor but comes off lithe and elegant, finishing with impressive persistence and sneaky, finegrained tannins. *December 2016*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Appassionata Estate Vineyard, Dundee Hills 2014

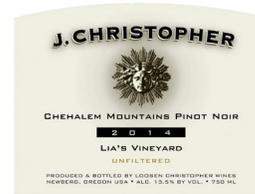
[94] *Vinous.com*

Deep red. An exotically perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red berries, cherry cola, spicecake and rose pastille, along with smoky mineral and vanilla overtones. Shows deeper dark fruit character on the palate, offering energetic, smoke-laced black raspberry and cola flavors enlivened by a spine of juicy acidity. Closes with repeating smokiness, fine-grained tannins and outstanding, floral-tinged persistence.

December 2016

[92] *Wine & Spirits — Year's Best Pinot Noirs 2017—*

Appassionata is J. Christopher's first estate bottling, from a new planing within sight of the crushpad, on a dramatic south-facing slope. Its scents of cedar and woodsmoke are more oak driven than vineyard driven, and yet there's a soft, pine-scented spice that carries through the wine from the moment it strikes the glass, all the way through the languorous finish. This needs time in the cellar; then serve with lamb shoulder. *June 2017, April 2018*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Lia's Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains 2014

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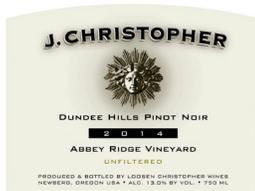
Aromas of dried berries, chocolate and walnut skin. Full body, tight tannins and fresh acidity. This is a young wine that needs time to open but it's already exciting. *November 2016*

[92] *Wine & Spirits*

Lia's is a volcanic site in the Chehalem Mountains, which shows itself in this pinot noir's savory pine and rosemary oil scents, and in its darker fruit profile: The black cherry here is almost blue in its depth. The wine's texture is weighted by oak, but there's lift and a savory tension on the finish, of the sort that would pair with a wild mushroom pasta. *June 2017*

[92] *Vinous.com*

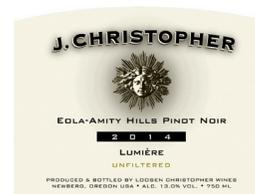
Lurid red. Highly perfumed black raspberry, cherry cola and floral scents are complemented by hints of white pepper and cola, and a mineral element adds nerve and lift. Sappy, deeply concentrated but lively red fruit liqueur, mocha and floral pastille flavors are accented by a touch of allspice on the back half. Closes silky, sweet and very long, delivering impressive clarity and smooth tannins that fade slowly into the juicy fruit. *December 2016*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Charlie's Vineyard, Dundee Hills 2014

[93] *Vinous.com*

Vivid red. Ripe red berries, cherry cola, musky earth and potpourri on the deeply perfumed nose. Smooth and sweet on entry, then more taut in the midpalate, offering sharply focused bitter cherry and black raspberry flavors and subtle hints of vanilla and spicecake. A smoky nuance emerges with air and carries through an impressively long, gently tannic finish, which echoes the floral note. *December 2016*



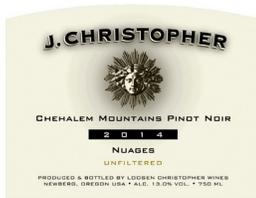
J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Lumière, Eola-Amity Hills 2014

[92] *Wine Enthusiast — Editors' Choice—*

This juicy wine feels substantial, with a concentrated palate of blueberry and blackberry fruit. It's got grip and detail, with threads of coffee grounds and smoke. It finishes with a hint of metallic earth. All is in balance, and the highlights are gently applied. *June 2017*

[92] *Vinous.com*

Brilliant ruby-red. Powerful aromas of cherry cola and black raspberry pick up hints of smoky Indian spices and woodsmoke in the glass. Sappy and concentrated; gentle acidity provides lift and definition to bitter cherry and dark berry flavors. Delivers very good depth and power, in the style of this vintage, offering solid closing punch and length and dusty tannins that sneak in late. *December 2016*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Nuages, Chehalem Mountains 2014

[91] *Wine & Spirits* — Year's Best Pinot Noirs 2017—

A quietly assertive pinot with a dark frame, this leads with a whiff of tar and cinnamon stick, fruit skin and caramel. All come together with a day's air, buoyed by vinous tannins that frame the fruit with an easy elegance. *June 2017, April 2018*

[91] *Vinous.com*

Vivid red. Smoke-tinged cherry and black raspberry scents, backed by vanilla and allspice nuances. Sappy and appealingly sweet, offering intense red and dark berry flavors that spread out slowly on the back half. Rich yet energetic, finishing with strong, spicy thrust, harmonious tannins and a late jolt of sweet cola. *December 2016*

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

This cuvée is principally from the estate (Appassionata) vineyard. Lush, spicy and spread broadly across the palate, it pleases with strawberry-raspberry fruit, milk chocolate and a dusting of cocoa powder. The wine does seem to lighten up rather quickly at the finish, but further bottle age may fix that. *June 2017*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills Cuvée 2014

[90] *Wine & Spirits* — Year's Best Pinot Noirs 2017 —

This blend of five vineyards is a bit faint when first poured. Its scents of dried cherry and cedar are delicate, its flavors juicy and refined at once, reined in by a lean and elegant texture. *June 2017, April 2018*

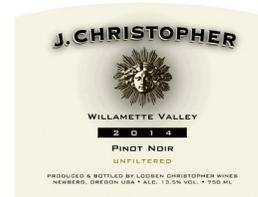
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Light bright red. Fresh red berries, candied rose and a subtle touch of orange pith on the incisive nose. Brisk and racy on entry and then more fleshy in the middle, offering gently sweet raspberry and spice-cake flavors and a touch of cola. Shows very good clarity and spicy lift on a long, focused finish that's given shape by fine-grained tannins. This is a decidedly elegant rendition of 2014 and pretty tasty right now. *December 2016*

[89] *Wine Enthusiast*

Ripe red fruits mingle gracefully, along with suggestions of toasted coconut, from aging in one-quarter new barrels. There is a metallic

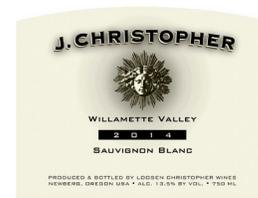
streak running through the finish as well, which might suggest that you give it some extra aeration before drinking. *June 2017*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2014

[91] *Wine Enthusiast*

Forward, fruity and flavorful, this is a quite pretty compendium of raspberry and cherry fruit, accented with a touch of orange peel. As with J. Christopher's pricier cuvées, it spent 18 months in one-quarter new French oak. Though labeled simply Willamette Valley, the fruit was sourced principally from the prestigious Dundee Hills AVA. *June 2017*



J. Christopher Sauvignon Blanc, Willamette Valley 2014

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Jay Somers is a remarkable winemaker in Oregon's Willamette Valley, crafting crisp and food-friendly white wines as well as several award-winning Pinot Noirs. His refreshing Sauvignon Blanc offers citrus, mineral and herbal notes to pair superbly with half shell oysters — scores high with the "bliss factor." *July 22, 2015*