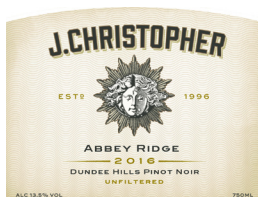


J. CHRISTOPHER



Highlights from the Press – J. Christopher 2016



**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Abbey Ridge Vineyard,
Dundee Hills 2016**

[94] *Wine & Spirits*

From an old, high-elevation Dundee Hills site, this has an old-vine grace and balance. It leads with aromas of spice, tobacco, anise, rye grain and soil, all in the service of restrained cherry. The flavors are cool, elegant and finely wrought, with succulent ripeness. It feels natural and effortless; for duck. *October 2019*

[94] *Wine Spectator*

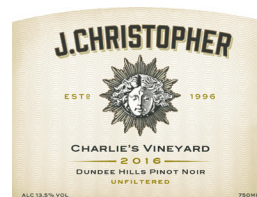
Rich and refined, with vivid raspberry and blood orange aromas and layered cherry, stony mineral and tea flavors that build complexity toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2025. *February 2019*

[93] *Wine Enthusiast* — Cellar Selection —

The Abbey Ridge designate includes fruit from 40-year-old vines and opens with evocative scents of brambly berry, peppery herb and a touch of composted earth. Complex and layered, this powerful wine drinks well now, but should age gracefully into the late 2020s. *April 2020*

[93] *Vinous.com*

Deep brilliant red. Highly perfumed, mineral- and spice-laced red and blue fruit, incense, violet candy and savory herb aromas show impressive clarity and pick up a subtle vanilla note as the wine stretches out. Sweet, seamless and penetrating on the palate, offering powerful cherry, boysenberry, cola and black cardamom flavors braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Dusty, slow-building tannins frame the dark-berry-driven finish, which shows outstanding clarity and minerally lift. *June 2019*



**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Charlie's Vineyard,
Dundee Hills 2016**

[93] *Wine & Spirits*

From one of Jay Somers's original vineyard sources, this wine demonstrates the simple beauty and charm of a J. Christopher pinot. It feels generous and forward but also a touch resinous and savory, leavened by scents of cedar, red earth and dried mushroom. The umami elements seem to lengthen the flavors, for a finish that's generous and vibrant. *October 2019*

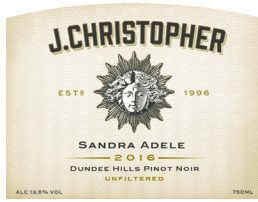
[92] *Wine Spectator*

Spirited and well-built, with expressive cherry and hibiscus aromas that open to lively pomegranate and spiced tea flavors, finishing with polished tannins. Drink now through 2024. *February 2019*

[92] *Vinous.com*

Limpid ruby-red. Displays assertive aromas of black raspberry, cherry, baking spices, savory herbs and fresh flowers. Silky, sweet and incisive on the palate, offering musky dark fruit and floral pastille flavors complemented by spiced cake, earth and smoky mineral flourishes. Smooth and floral on the persistent finish, which is given shape by finely woven tannins. (all de-stemmed fruit and 25% new French oak). *June 2019*

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**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Sandra Adele,
Dundee Hills 2016**

[94] *Vinous.com*

Shimmering red. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red/blue fruits, exotic spices, and suave floral and vanilla nuances that gain strength with aeration. Sweet, seamless and energetic on the palate, displaying a refined blend of richness and energy to its vibrant, mineral-laced boysenberry, cherry-cola and rose pastille flavors. Shows impressive power on the gently tannic finish, which lingers with excellent, floral-driven tenacity. *June 2019*

[93] *Wine Enthusiast* — Cellar Selection —

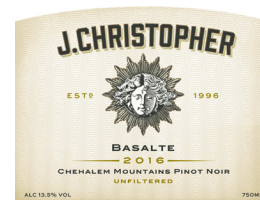
This is 90% Abbey Ridge vineyard fruit, aromatic and inviting with scents of roses and cherries. Think of this as reserve level, which it deserves for its concentrated raspberry and cherry fruit, almost puréed. The acidity balances it, and there's a seam of light herb. This outstanding wine may be cellared for up to 10 years. *April 2020*

[92] *Wine & Spirits*

With scents of turf and dried leaves supporting a quiet red-fruited cherry-compote aroma, this generous wine feels like comfort food, ripe and succulent but with a pleasing bitter note that frames the wine and creates a savor for duck confit. *October 2019*

[92] *Wine Spectator*

Graceful and elegantly complex, with vibrant raspberry and hibiscus flavors accented by spice and black tea notes. Drink now through 2024. *February 2019*



**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Basalte,
Chehalem Mountains 2016**

[93] *Wine & Spirits* — Best Buy —

Rye, whole-cluster spice and cranberry scents lead in this well-priced, light red. It's spicy and structured, with a pleasing grip that seems to hold the red fruit in a light suspension, charming and expressive. For braised beef. *October 2019*

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

Scents of rock and wild berry, along with beetroot and lavender, introduce a complex wine with terrific appeal. This is the sort of wine that rewards your attention with nuanced details. At the same time it's accessible and food-friendly, with good length and overall balance. *April 2020*

[92] *ChristyCanterbury.com*

This fuller-bodied, richer style of North Willamette Valley Pinot Noir turned up ripe black cherries and briar fruits along with exotic spices. The somewhat burly tannins do cut the length rather short, despite the juicy, back-fill of boisterous fruit. Happily, the vibrant acidity gives the finish refreshment. Perhaps it just needs some time to settle down. Drink: 2021-24. *June 12, 2020*

[91] *Wine Spectator*

Opens with sleek and gentle raspberry and rose petal notes, slowly gathering tension, structure and stony minerality toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2026. *March 2020*

[91] *Vinous.com*

Bright red. Seductive aromas of fresh cherry and boysenberry, with rose pastille and baking spice nuances adding complexity. Smooth, sweet and lively in the mouth, displaying very good intensity and depth but no excess weight to its nicely concentrated red and dark berry flavors. Clings impressively on a long, spice-laced finish that features a touch of vanilla and silky, harmonious tannins. *June 2019*

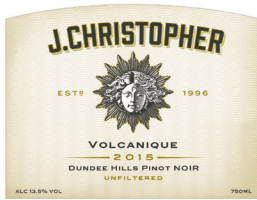
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[8.5 – 9.0] *Vinography*, a wine blog

Medium to dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of forest floor and cherries. In the mouth, earthy cherry flavors mix with black raspberry and chopped herbs. Silky texture, excellent acidity and very faint tannins with a touch of citrus in the finish. *September 5, 2020*

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**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Volcanique,
Dundee Hills 2016**

[93] *ChristyCanterbury.com*

Fiercely flavorful, this wine tastes of elderberries and sloe with a twinge of tobacco. As it opens, blueberries and red cherries surface, too. It's worth decanting this wine, and do be sure to serve it at cellar temperature (55-60 F). Warmer temps smother its aromatic nuances! There is a grosgrain ribbon-like texture on the mid-palate that gives this wine oomph and makes it excellent for the table. The perky back-palate lift emphasizes that texture and delivers an attractive dryness that will nicely match hearty foods. This is a Pinot that could even stand alongside steak! Drink: 2020-26. *June 12, 2020*

[90] *Vinous.com*

Vivid red. Displays pungent red berry, cherry and floral qualities on the spice-accented nose, with a zesty mineral nuance adding lift. Offers sappy red and dark berry flavors that show gentle sweetness, good depth and energy. Supple and gently tannic on the nicely persistent finish, which features a lingering cherry quality. *June 2019*

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

One of a series of wines named for their soils, this shows a gravelly, grainy foundation, with sleek cranberry-raspberry fruit above. The herbal components are kept in check but are definitely in the mix, along with tannins that show flavors of stem and bark. With ample aeration the fruit explodes into lovely cherry. *April 2020*

[91] *Wine & Spirits — Best Buy —*

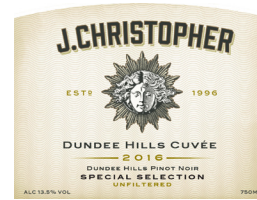
J. Christopher's entry-level wine overdelivers, leading with a bright burst of extracted plummy flavor that holds a wheat-and-rye savor. It's exuberant, with a veil of tannins that grounds the wine and gives it a pleasing bitterness. *October 2019*

[91] *Wine Spectator*

Graceful and supple, with nuanced raspberry and orange peel flavors, accented by stony minerality on the lingering finish. Drink now through 2026. *March 2020*

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**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Cuvée,
Special Selection, Dundee Hills 2016**

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

This captures a bit of the iron-rich character of the AVA, with a spine of steel supporting firm cherry fruit. It's medium bodied, with highlights of orange peel and kumquat. The flavors linger gracefully with a kiss of mocha on the finish. *April 2020*

[91] *Wine Spectator*

Loaded with polish and a supple texture, this features pretty raspberry, spice and dark tea flavors that sashay on a long finish. Drink now through 2026. *March 2020*

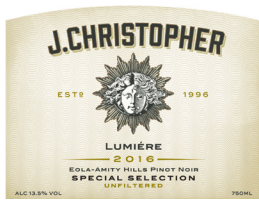
[90] *Wine & Spirits*

This cuvée is sourced from Bella Vida, a 26-acre site with multiple clones and aspects. This has plenty of red cherry fruit in its scents, with some forestry elements lining its maraschino sharpness. The wine is lean and mouthwatering, with a mushroom umami feel to the tannins that lends it complexity and depth. *October 2019*

[9.0 – 9.5] *Vinography, a wine blog*

Light to medium garnet in color, this wine smells of peeled willow bark and raspberry fruit. In the mouth, bright raspberry and redcurrant fruit has a bouncy zing thanks to excellent acidity. Beautiful herbal and floral notes linger in the finish. *September 5, 2020*

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**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Lumière,
Special Selection, Eola-Amity Hills 2016**

[94] *Wine Spectator*

Harmonious, with a lithe structure, offering expressive cherry and black raspberry flavors, laced with orange peel and spiced cinnamon notes and gathering minerality toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2028. *March 2020*

[93] *ChristyCanterbury.com*

Sassy and spicy, this full-throttled and full-bodied Pinot Noir tastes of perfectly ripe black cherries, black plums and graphite. The seamless tannins are svelte upfront then give a gentle tug on the back palate, as the wine eases into a solid finish of asphalt and smashed blueberry. The acidity adds some bite and crunch, kicking up a broad array of complex flavors on the palate and finish. This drinks nicely now if you like your Pinot Noirs bold, but it has the refined concentration and graceful structure to age to benefit for a good while. Drink: 2020-26.

June 12, 2020

[91] *Wine Enthusiast*

This is a barrel selection, AVA-specific wine, and wraps the lightly earthy, herbal characteristics of the Eola-Amity Hills into brambly berry fruit. There's a thin streak of coffee and a slightly dusty edge to the tannins. It's textural and tasty, and it should age nicely over the next half decade or longer. *April 2020*

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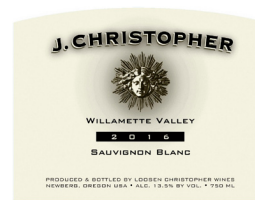
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**J. Christopher Pinot Noir, Estate,
Chehalem Mountains 2016**

[91] *Wine Spectator*

Expressive and vibrant, offering dark cherry, cinnamon and hibiscus flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2024.

Web Only 2019



**J. Christopher Sauvignon Blanc,
Willamette Valley 2016**

[87] *Wine Spectator*

Lively and easygoing, with citrus, dried hay and spice accents. Drink now. *Web Only 2018*



J. Christopher Pinot Noir, J.J., Willamette Valley 2016

[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*

[87] *Wine Spectator*

Bright and tangy, with lively cherry and green tea flavors. Drink now. *Web Only 2020*

[8.5] *Vinography, a wine blog*

Light to medium garnet in the glass, this wine smells of cherry and raspberry fruit shot through with a hint of barnyard funkiness. In the mouth, pure bright cherry and raspberry fruit has a nice zing thanks to excellent acidity. There's some bitter cedar and herb notes lingering in the finish along with that faint hint of manure. *November 28, 2020*