



J. CHRISTOPHER 2018 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 2018 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 2018 VINTAGE

We had another very warm and dry year in 2018, the eighth hottest on record. But it was not as hot as the previous two years, and there were no extreme temperature spikes. This made for a balanced growing season with much less heat stress. As in 2017, cooler weather and a bit of cleansing rain came to us in September, which helped slow down the ripening, while retaining freshening acidity. The wines are characterized by fruit that is rich and dense, but not overripe, supported by juicy acidity and a fine, ripe tannins.

ABOUT J. CHRISTOPHER

J. Christopher is a small winery located in Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley, with a focus on expressive Pinot Noir made using the patient, unhurried approach of the Old World. Owned by renowned Mosel winegrower, Ernst "Erni" Loosen (of the Dr. Loosen estate), the winery's hand-crafted wines are made from fruit grown in our own estate Appassionata Vineyard, as well as other excellent vineyards in the Willamette Valley. With a deep commitment to environmentally sustainable farming and production practices, J. Christopher strives to produce terroir-driven wines in an Old World style that emphasizes focus, length and balance.

TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Dundee Hills

Vineyard Sources: Bella Vida, Abbey Ridge, Charlie's and Kolb vineyards

Soil Type: Volcanic

Clones: Pommard, Wädenswil, Dijon 115 & 777

Age of Vines: 10 to 30 years

Viticulture: Sustainable

Average Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Vinification: 100% destemmed; native yeast fermentation; unforced malolactic; 18 months in barriques (25% new); no fining or filtration.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 868 cases

UPC: 810404020586

FROM THE PRESS

[91] Wine Enthusiast

"Pretty cherry fruit shines brightly here, with a seam of blood orange adding fresh acidity. This is a clean, well-delineated wine." February 2022

[91] Vinous

"Ripe red and blue fruit aromas show fine definition and complementary suggestions of candied flowers, smoky minerals and allspice. Juicy and broad on the palate. Dusty tannins build slowly on the persistent finish, adding framework and gentle closing grip." February 2022

