

# NICOLAS JAY



## 2018 L'Ensemble Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley - Oregon

### WineAnorak (UK)

This is fresh, refined and textural with sweet black cherry and berry fruits, some nice acidity and appropriate tannic structure. It's harmonious and silky, but also has nice brightness and a bit of grip, suggesting this could age in interesting ways. It has an Oregon stamp, but also an old world sensibility and refinement. I love the core of fresh, fluid, silky black cherry fruit, which never veers off into overripeness.

**95 Points**

### Decanter

L'Ensemble is the selection of the best barrels from across the favoured vineyards where Nicolas-Jay sources grapes, including the estate Bishop Creek. These are not pre-selected, but chosen anew each year. The 2018 selection shows off the ripe, black fruit of the vintage with an appealing savoury, meaty character and a dense, tannic structure on the palate.

**95 Points**

### STATS

**Farming:** Organic, Bio-Dynamic, LIVE

**Harvested:** September 14th-30th

**Harvest Brix:** 23.3

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**TA:** 5.2g/L

**pH:** 3.61

**Fermentation:** Native Yeast

**Fining/filtration:** None

**Cooperage:** 33% new French oak

**Date bottled:** June 17, 2020

**Cases made:** 1,145

### Winemakers:

Jean-Nicolas Méo

Tracy Kendall

### The Buyer (UK)

To look at, the wine is medium ruby-purple; the aromatics sit on a tantalising balance between New and Old World – are we in Chambolle-Musigny or the Pacific North West? The nose is complex, ripe and sumptuous with mulberry fruit, ripe red cherry, tree bark and red liquorice; the palate is quite stunning and places you in the finest Côtes des Nuits sites.

### The Wine Enthusiast

This is a reserve-level, select-barrel blend from some of the eight sites the winery works with. Already complex and threaded with a mix of blue and black fruits, savory herbs, citrus and sharply defined barrel toast, it's a wine that may take some years to unpack. Native yeast was used, and one-third was aged in new French oak. Drink through 2033. Cellar Selection.

**94 Points**  
Cellar Selection

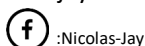
### James Suckling

Spiced plums, cherries, rose hips, cedar and baking spices on the nose. Dried lemon zest, too. It's medium-bodied with tightly knot tannins. Tight, textured and energetic. Excellent structure, freshness and drive. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.

**94 Points**

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