

# NICOLAS JAY



## 2018 Own-Rooted Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley—Oregon

### International Wine Report

“...the best I’ve ever tasted from the estate. Wild strawberry, black cherry, Early gray tea, graphite, dried lavender, toasted white chocolate, and some almost Syrah-like meaty and olive components. Wonderfully complex on the nose, the palate is just as interesting with added components of macerated huckleberry and sandalwood flavors. The acidity and tannins are perfectly balanced and the wine dances over the tongue and finishes savory with a black-fruit and earthy ending.”

**97 Points**

### Decanter

“This exciting blend showcases three sites planted on their own roots: the Hyland Vineyard in McMinnville, the Nysa Vineyard in Dundee, and the estate’s own Bishop Creek site in Yamhill-Carlton. The fruit is destemmed and fermented on native yeasts before aging over two winters in French casks. The result shows a sweet, forward cassis fruit that expands and takes on volume on the palate to echo enticingly on the finish.”

**96 Points**

### STATS

Harvested: September 25th

Harvest Brix: 23.2

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 5.5g/L

pH: 3.46

Cooperage:

50% new French oak

50% neutral oak

Date bottled: June 16, 2020

Cases made: 270

Winemakers:

Jean-Nicolas Méo

Tracy Kendall

### James Suckling

“...very polished nose of ripe red cherry and spice with assertive oak in play, like modern Burgundy. The texture is exceptional and delivers soft, suave and fine tannins that carry bright red and darker-cherry flavors. Really impressive. Drink or hold.”

**94 Points**