

Nicolas-Jay Estate
Bishop Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir
Yamhill-Carlton, 2017



- **Planted:** 1988, 1990
- **Planted Acres:** 13.5
- **Clones:** 777, Wädenswil, Pommard, 667
- **Rootstock:** Ungrafted
- **Elevation:** 200-700 feet
- **Farming:** 100% Organic
- **Harvested:** September 29th, 30th

Harvest Brix: 22.5-23.1
Fermentation: Native
Fining/Filtration: None
TA: 4.9g/L, **pH:** 3.73
Cooperage: 50% new French oak, 16 months
Date bottled: February 1st, 2019
Cases made: 270



96 Points

TOP 100

- #1 Highest Scoring Oregon Pinot Noir (96 points)
- #2 Highest Scoring Domestic Pinot Noir (96 points)

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WINE REPORT

The stunning 2017 Bishop Creek vineyard, Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay is a gem of a wine. Fresh blueberries, red currants, toasted hazelnuts and dried thyme explode from the gorgeous ruby core. The nose is so perfectly poised that I spent 15 minutes enjoying it unfolding in the glass before I could dare take a sip. The mouthfeel is full-bodied and sits in your mouth as if you are walking a tightrope, but staying perfectly balanced throughout. Flavors of ripe marionberries, huckleberries, dried mushroom, and a bit of smoked earth coat your palate to a long, textured finish. This wine is serious - seriously delicious. Only 270 cases made.

95 Points

Antonio Galloni
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Shimmering ruby-red. Heady, spice- and mineral-accented cherry and blue fruit liqueur aromas take on incense and floral accents with air. Juicy, seamless and concentrated, offering densely packed black raspberry, boysenberry and cherry liqueur flavors that show sharp delineation and smoky back-end thrust. Finishes extremely long and lively, with resonating blue fruit, mineral and floral notes and polished tannins that make a late appearance.

93 Points

Wine Spectator

Refined and keenly focused, with distinctive cherry and guava flavors that are laced with rose petal and savory spice accents, picking up tension and polish toward fine grained tannins. Drink now through 2027.

