

NICOLAS JAY

2015 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley—Oregon

Press Accolades



STATS

Harvested:
September 3 – 19, 2015

Harvest Brix: 22.6

Alcohol: 13%

TA: 5.6g/L
pH: 3.63

Cooperage:
33% new French oak
67% neutral oak

Date bottled: December 2016

Cases made: 2,400

Date released: April 2017

Winemakers:
Jean-Nicolas Méo
Tracy Kendall

James Suckling

Fresh wild strawberries, cloves, nutmeg, and black cherry essence. The palate is dark-fruited with round tannins, fine acidity and a fruity finish. Layered and polished. Drink now or hold. Lovely potential.

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Wine Enthusiast

The second release from this impressive new project is a touch lighter than the previous vintage, but just as well built. Blending grapes from four different sub-AVAs, this shows a sleek and detailed mix of fruit—strawberry, plum and cherry—married to just the right amount of new French oak (one third of the barrels). Editors' Choice.

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Vinous

Deep vivid red. Intense aromas of fresh raspberry, cherry and five-spice powder; a sexy floral nuance gains strength as the wine stretches out. Sweet and seamless on the palate, showing very good heft and focus to the sappy red berry, rose pastille and spiced flavors. Shows impressive energy on the gently tannic finish, which hangs on with strong, fruit-driven persistence.

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Decanter

2015 was another warm vintage in the Willamette Valley, but this regular Nicolas-Jay Pinot is a touch more restrained than its older sibling. Notes of smoke, rich soil and wild berry fruit precede a bright, fine-grained and textural wine with more energy than the inaugural vintage.

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Wine Spectator

A lovely and delicately complex wine, with expressive violet and raspberry aromas and harmoniously layered cherry, floral tea and stony mineral flavors that glide through a long finish.

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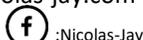
View From The Cellar

On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a sappy core, lovely soil signature, fine-grained tannins and a long, tangy and beautifully balanced finish. This is really, really good and shows that Jean-Nicolas is fast learning the lay of the land in the Willamette Valley! 2022-2050.

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