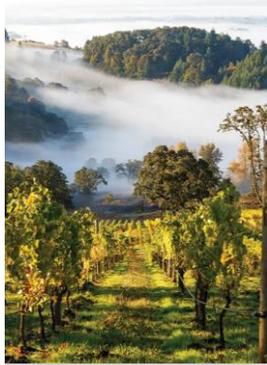




Temperance Hill Vineyard



Montazi Vineyard

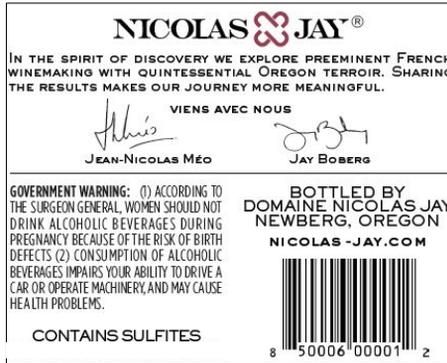


Nysa Vineyard



Bishop Creek Vineyard

NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2016 PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY 'LIBRARY RELEASE'



Vintage 2016 started with another early bud break followed by a warm Spring. Low fruit set due to late Spring rains made for a balanced crop and lower yields than we'd seen in the past few years. Luckily, as Summer set in, moderate temperatures allowed the grapes to ripen steadily. As the temperature increased in the first few days of the month, we set our first pick date for September 5th and worked until the 20th to bring the fruit in. Even though our first pick was 15 days before our last, the vast majority of our vineyards were picked during an intense 5-day window. The 2016 wines show an incredible density and concentration, with brilliant red and black fruit and impressive tannins. These wines are beautiful up front but have the weight and tension to age well for the next 15+ years.

Harvested: Sept 6-20
Harvest Brix: 23.4
Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 5.8g/L, **pH:** 3.68
Winemaking: Native yeast, unfinned, unfiltered, vegan
Cooperage: 33% New French Oak, 13 months
Date Bottled: Apr 2018
Years in bottle: 4.5

Vineyard	AVA	Contribution	% Share
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	"Power, granite, blue fruits"	40%
Nysa	Dundee Hills	"Elegance, red fruits, spice"	18%
Temperance Hill	Eola-Amity	"White pepper, salinity, herbs"	14%
Knights Gambit	Dundee Hills	"Raspberry, bright acidity, linear"	12%
Hopewell	Eola-Amity	"Blue fruit, floral, rusticity, wet stone"	8%
Montazi	McMinnville	"Wild blackberry, sweet citrus"	6%
Hyland	McMinnville	"Ethereal, floral, red fruits"	4%

Current Tasting Note Dark, rich color with slight brick edges. Explodes from the glass with ripe pomegranate, warm blackberry cobbler, leather and sandalwood aromas. Tannins immediately show a lovely sweetness and creaminess to them with a mid-palate of spicecake, cassis and berry liquor and a long, medium-bodied finish. This wine will continue to unfold over the next 2-3 years.



95 Points

"Powerful statement...stands on its pedestal as one of the most impressive Pinot Noirs in the world."



94 Points

"Precise, deeply structured yet graceful, with expressive black cherry, river stone and black tea accents."



93 Points

"rich and dark, deep, plush and spicy palate that has a very pure core of satiny, silky fruit flavor."