

NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2019 BISHOP CREEK CHARDONNAY, YAMHILL-CARLTON

The Wine

Located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, the site features 13.5 planted acres, with 11 of those acres being four different clones of pinot noir. The majority of the pinot noir vines at Bishop Creek were planted in 1988 and 1990, and are own-rooted. The upper-bench of this famed site also contains our 1990's era Chardonnay plantings. At almost 750' elevation, these mountain-grown plants possess deep root systems by virtue of porous ancient marine sedimentary soils and produce exquisite wines with strong tension and character.



Bishop Creek Vineyard Yamhill-Carlton

Harvest

2019 gave us record rainfall in late June and July, causing a delay in ripening and an abundance of growth in the vineyards. The low temperatures were normal to above average but without the usual heat spikes and intensity of the usual record Oregon summer heat waves. A beautiful dry August pushed the grapes toward maturity while maintaining balance and acidity through ripening. The resulting wines have elegance, finesse and balance in what is one of the first cool Oregon vintages we've seen at the domaine. The aromatics and bright nature of these wines make them compelling to drink now and also speak to their aging potential as they open up and develop in bottle. We bottled this vintage a few months earlier than usual to preserve the beautiful elegance of the vintage.

Winemakers Tasting Notes

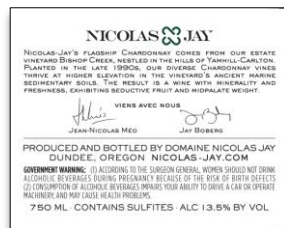
Beautiful, pale-straw color immediately reveals a cool-climate directed Chardonnay. But aromatics are not without weight and style; apple blossoms, sugar lemon, sweet herbaceous notes and Kaffir lime leaves are enmeshed around a crushed granite and limestone core. Chalky river rock minerality befalls orange zest and a dollop of cream as this wine picks up its pace toward the mid-palette. The finish is long, expanding and focused and is certainly a wine that will reward the patient.



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2019 CHARDONNAY
BISHOP CREEK
YAMHILL-CARLTON - OREGON

Harvested: Sept 20
Harvest Brix: 21.5
Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 6.2g/L, **pH:** 3.18
Winemaking: Native yeast, 100% Barrel Fermented/ML
Cooperage: 20% new French Oak, 10 months
Date Bottled: Feb 5, 2021
Production: 4 barrels



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NICOLAS-JAY'S BISHOP CHARDONNAY COMES FROM OUR ESTATE VINEYARD BISHOP CREEK, NESTLED IN THE HILLS OF YAMHILL-CARLTON, PLANTED IN THE LATE 1980s. OUR DIVINE CHARDONNAY VINES THRIVE AT HIGHER ELEVATION IN THE VINEYARD'S ANCIENT MARINE SEDIMENTARY SOILS. THE RESULT IS A WINE WITH MINERALITY AND FRESHNESS, EXHIBITING SEDUCTIVE FRUIT AND MIDPALETTE WEIGHT.

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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

750 ML CONTAINS SULFITES. ALC 13.5% BY VOL.

96 Points

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"Alluring and complex aromas of fresh herbs, baked lemons, peaches, hazelnuts and a hint of olive oil. Medium-bodied with wet-stone mineral character. Linear, balanced and long. Supple texture. Notes of chamomile tea and straw just start to peek out towards the finish. This will age beautifully, but it's hard to resist now. Drink or hold."

95 Points



"This is really lively with a lovely linear flow: it shows great acidity and precise citrus fruit, with a hint of pear richness and a touch of green apple. There's a touch of mandarin here. Real intensity and purity with potential for development."

94 Points



"Flinty notes are present alongside orange creamsicle, green apple, lemon zest, and wet stones. The palate is much richer than the nose with notes of ripe yellow apple, white nectarine, flint, cinnamon stick and just a hint of buttered croissant. Racy acidity and a medium to full body complete this delicious Chardonnay. Only 93 cases produced."

matthew jukes

19/20

"With all of the hallmarks of a cooler vintage this wine has thrilling weightlessness and heroic length underpinned by crystalline acidity and this adds up to an ultra-refined creation with magical balance. It will certainly need a few years to relax and mellow and when it does this will be a memorable vintage for this magnificent wine. 19+/20 "