

2019 Harvest 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.



NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2019 'OWN-ROOTED' PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Vineyards

Our 'Own-Rooted' Pinot Noir showcases several old-vine sites in the Willamette Valley, each at least 30 years old, and planted at a time when rootstock was relatively rare in Oregon viticulture. Our own Bishop Creek Vineyard supplies a portion of the blend, showing off its characteristic black fruit. Hyland Vineyard, the oldest in the McMinnville AVA, sits atop a hillside looking over the Van Duzer Corridor, and its 45-year-old vines supply tension in this wine. 1990-planted Pommard from Nysa Vineyard completes this wine, supplying elegant red fruit and spice.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

3 vineyards, 100 years of life...1 wine. This is our 3rd interpretation of the fruit from these spectacular ungrafted old-vines and it's impossible to predict how unique each vintage will be. Right away, wafting out of this dark, brooding wine comes sweet earth and roasted oak. It's savory, like always, but this vintage is forcing imagery of holiday spices, cinnamon and oatmeal. On the palate there is sweet, dried tea leaves lifted with a brightness of ripe strawberry, candied raspberries and notes of herbs similar to rosemary and thyme. The own rooted vines bring an incredible energy to the wine, allowing for a unique rusticity combined with beautiful elegance. Cherry cordial and pretty fruit on entry, then quickly shifts into roasted nuts and strong savory attributes.

Harvested: Sept 14-24
Harvest Brix: 21.2-22.4
Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 5.1g/L, **pH:** 3.62
Winemaking: Native yeast, unfiltered, vegan
Cooperage: 50% New French Oak, 16 months
Date Bottled: February 5, 2021
Production: 14 barrels



Sourcing

Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Contribution	Farming	Clone	% Share
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	33 years	"Power, granite, blue fruits"	Organic	Wädenswil, Pommard	35%
Hyland	McMinnville	46 years	"Ethereal, floral, red fruits"	Bio-Dynamic	Coury	35%
Nysa	Dundee Hills	31 years	"Elegance, red fruits, spice"	Organic	Pommard	30%

96 Points Layered and citrus rind texture. Serious



95 Points Very fine

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NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2019 'BISHOP CREEK VINEYARD' PINOT NOIR, 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. Adding to the site's diversity, the elevations range from 270 to 600 feet, with predominantly North-South plantings. In keeping with their belief in stewardship and promoting a healthy vineyard environment, Bishop Creek has been farmed 100% organically since being acquired by Jean-Nicolas and Jay in 2014.

Winemakers Tasting Notes

Now over 30 years old, this vineyard is just now reaching its stride in producing hauntingly unique wines that few vineyards can parallel. The 2019 Bishop Creek opens up with wet stone, crushed granite and generous brambly blackberry. Underlying the fruit and minerality are subtle roasted meat and game aroma, toasted nut and a general savory essence as the wine begins to crack open in the glass. There is an exotic middle eastern spice, a sweet bark and resin nuance with a by-line of black cap blackberry that pulls the flavors upward with strong tannins and a long, dramatic, tight-knit finish that carries for several minutes. This wine will age for years to come as the tannins integrate and the fruit fleshes out in the bottle.

Harvested: Sept 14, **Harvest Brix:** 21.4
Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 5.0g/L, **pH:** 3.65
Winemaking: Native yeast, unfiltered, unfiltered
Cooperage: 50% new French Oak, 16 months
Date Bottled: Feb 5, 2021
Production: 12 barrels



95 Points intensity



94 Points Lots of minerals and crushed berries, stones

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NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2019 'L'ENSEMBLE' PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The Wine

Since releasing our first wine in 2014, we have learned considerably more about the vineyards we harvest year after year. As those sites have matured, we have also come to know them more intimately, gaining a greater understanding of their identity and characteristics from vineyard, to block and down to the row. L'Ensemble encapsulates a strict temperament in channeling the raw beauty, tension and persistence from these top vineyard blocks and our most expressive barrels with vintage quality acting as our guide to levels of production. Jean-Nicolas Méo is a winemaker on a path of constant reflection, a devotion to learn and always at battle to improve with every vintage.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Although just our second interpretation of this cuvee, we have been envisioning this wines construction since our very first vintage. This really is the collection of the best blocks and barrels of everything we farm. The 2019 L'Ensemble showcases Christmas spice, currants, blueberries and sweet forest floor notes. The front end brings strawberries, then chalky granite complexities, and subsequently shifts back to a fresh cranberry and hood river cherry. A framing of gentle vanilla weight from extra aging in French oak completes the palate. The fruit is cascading in effect, it forms in waves, with precise integration and symmetry that supports the wine's finesse and power.

Harvested: Sept 14-26, **Harvest Brix:** 21-22.5
Alcohol: 13.0%
TA: 5.1/L, **pH:** 3.61
Winemaking: Native yeast, unfiltered, vegan
Cooperage: 33% New French Oak, 14 months
Date Bottled: February 5, 2021
Production: 55 barrels

Sourcing

Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Farming	% Share	Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Farming	% Share
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	33 years	Organic	35%	La Colina	Dundee Hills	22 years	LIVE	10%
Nysa	Dundee Hills	31 years	Organic	20%	Hope Well	Eola-Amity	15 years	Organic	5%
Knights Gambit	Dundee Hills	24 years	Organic	10%	Temperance Hill	Eola-Amity	40 years	Organic	5%
Momtazi	McMinnville	22 years	Bio-Dynamic	10%	Hyland	McMinnville	47 years	Bio-Dynamic	5%

96 Points Such purity, real elegance



93 Points Delicious finish

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