

Nicolas-Jay Estate Release Announcement

From: The Nicolas-Jay Estate
Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

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Subject: 2019 vintage release

The vintage

2019 began with a cold late winter that warmed quickly into a warmer than average spring. The defining feature of the growing season, however, was not in the timing of rainfall, but the amount. 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. Early rains in September slowed things down, finally abating and finishing the growing season with a long, cool and dry Fall. 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.

The wines of the Nicolas-Jay Estate

Each of the bottlings are a collection of vineyard blocks that Jean-Nicolas has worked with for years now, vineyards that he personally selected based upon working with world-class sites in the Côte d'Or for over 30 years. They each contain some of the oldest, and most-sought after, grafted and ungrafted rootstock in the Willamette Valley. In accordance with Domaine Méo-Camuzet discipline, all of these high-quality blocks are managed 100% by the Nicolas-Jay team throughout the course of the growing season. They are hand-picked at physiological ripeness into small cherry bins and are native yeast fermented by individual block or row. Without exception, Jean-Nicolas and Tracy Kendall simply shepherd these wines with little intervention throughout their vinification journey. No fining or filtration completes the process of crafting wines that are uniquely alive in each and every bottle. Wines destined to possess, vintage to vintage, unparalleled personality and character.

Ultimately, each Nicolas-Jay Estate wine experience is a connection to the granular detail of vintage, and of site, harnessed inside a natural, graceful and balletic product. We are so proud to offer these wines to you and your top customers.

