

Date	Wine	Vintage	Periodical	Score	Notes
7/27/2024	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	94	The 2021 Pinot Noir L'Ensemble comes from grapes across several appellations, including McMinnville, Eola-Amity Hills, Dundee Hills, Yamhill-Carlton and, most recently, Tualatin Hills. It takes plenty of air for its initial Jintiness to give way to cranberries, raspberries, rose petals, blood orange and tea leaves. The palate features layered, complex flavors. It's structured by velvety tannins, and its mouthwatering acidity calls you back to the glass for another nuanced sip. Bottled under Diam corks, it opens dramatically over time and will reward 3-5+ years' cellaring.
7/27/2024	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	95	The 2021 Pinot Noir Own-Rooted comes from the Nysa, Bishop and Hyland vineyards, and it's bursting with perfume! Raspberry, strawberry and rhubarb are accented by tones of Cara Cara orange, mixed tea leaves, forest floor and amaro; it's notably detailed and pure and gains in intensity and expression as it airs in the glass. The medium-bodied palate features surprisingly concentrated layers of red fruit, flowers and spice. It's structured by velvety tannins and a bright spine of acidity, and it has a layered, detailed finish. How pretty!
7/27/2024	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	93	The 2021 Pinot Noir Bishop Creek Vineyard is scented of blackberry jam, bitter orange, forest floor and wafts of amaro and fowers that emerge as it spends time in the glass. The medium-bodied palate has a deep core of expressive fruit structured by dusty tannins and focused acidity, and it has a long, fragrant finish. It will benefit from 3-5 years in bottle.
7/27/2024	Nysa P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	94	The 2021 Pinot Noir Nysa Vineyard is pure and elegant. It has detailed scents of red cherry preserves and cranberry, dried roses, blood orange, Angostura bitters and underbrush. The light-bodied palate is silky and bright yet deeply flavored, offering notable detail and perfume, and it has a long finish laced with spicy accents.
7/27/2024	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	95	The 2021 Pinot Noir Momtazi Vineyard is pure and complex. Its raspberry, strawberry and blueberry fruit are accented by touches of allspice, wild flowers, bitters and earth, becoming more expressive as it spends time in the glass. The palate is light-bodied yet deeply flavorful, flooding the mouth with layers of sweet berry fruit. It has abundant, powdery tannins, a bright spine of acidity and a long finish with a flourish of spicy accents.
7/27/2024	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Robert Parker	93	The 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill begins with broody tones of damp earth and mushroom that give way to blackberry, rhubarb and lavender. The medium-bodied palate offers layers of floral fruit structured by gently austere tannins and bright acidity, and it has a long, latent finish. It will benefit from 3-5 years in bottle.
11/8/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	Wine Advocate	93	The 2019 Chardonnay A1nités has pure scents of yellow apples, quince, saline, dried chamomile and beeswax. The light-bodied palate has a satiny, expansive texture complementing its detailed, honeyed fruit. It's balanced by gently tangy acidity and has a long, expressive finish.
2/28/2024	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Wine Advocate	91	The 2021 Chardonnay Bishop Creek has delicate scents of yellow apples and poached pears with nuances of meringue, crushed almonds, beeswax and hay. The light-bodied palate has a gently grippy texture that anchors its expansive, savory Bavors. It has a foil of mouthwatering acidity and a long, understated Dnish.
2/28/2024	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Wine Advocate	92	The 2021 Chardonnay Spirit Hill Vineyard is the 7rst iteration of this single-vineyard wine from Nicolas Jay, which is owned and farmed by Argyle. It has pure, savory scents of golden apples, roasted almonds, matchstick, honey and cream. The medium-bodied palate has a deep core of expansive, nutty fruit, a silky texture and a long, laviorful 7nish
11/28/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2019	Wine Advocate	94	The 2019 Chardonnay Bishop Creek has singular aromas of lime peel, saline, quince and yellow apples with accents of almonds and citrus blossoms. The light-bodied palate combines expansive, mouth coating Davors with a Erm spine of acidity, and it has a very long, expressive Enish. Its concentration and energy point to a long life in the cellar
2/29/2024	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Wine Advocate	92	The barrel-fermented 2021 Chardonnay A6nités grows in expression as it spends time in the glass, unfurling scents of elderAower, meringue, hazelnuts, honey and Aint. The medium-bodied palate derives power from concentrated, honey-laced Aavors and a touch of textural grip. It's balanced by vibrant acidity and has a long, layered Gnish. It will beneGt from 2-3+ years in bottle
3/15/2024	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Suckling	97	An almost pungent, beautiful aroma of crushed berries, earth and wild herbs leads to mouth-watering black cherries, black currants, black pepper and a rather full body for this producer. Fine-grained tannings and a linear feel balance the ample fruit and spice flavors. Drinable now, but best from 2027.
3/15/2024	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Suckling	92	This smooth, balanced, yet fresh-tasting wine is blended from several sites in the northern Willamette Valley and offers appetizing, bright, fresh apples and light oak spices. Charming and drinkable now, but no hurry.
3/15/2024	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Suckling	94	The blend of top barrels from the winery's grape sources in northern Willamette Valley is sleek, understated, lively and fresh. Packed with tangy raspberries, cranberries, orange zest and herbal tea notes, with great acidity and a medium body. Silky tannins add to the alluring tension. Best from 2028.
3/15/2024	Nysa P Noir	2021	Suckling	94	A beautiful, nicely fruity and fresh-tasting wine that also has a structure to improve with age. Silky and refined in texture, with supple raspberries and red cherries backed by medium body and fine-grained tannins. Best from 2027.
3/15/2024	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Suckling	94	Fresh apples, pie crust and baking spice waft up from the glass before good, delicious and ripe-tasting apple, vanilla and cinnamon notes fill the palate. Backed by lively acidity to support the richness and showing a warm, lingering finish. Drink or hold.
3/15/2024	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Suckling	95	A fragrant, earthy, rose petal aroma is alluring and fresh before explosive raspberry and red cherry flavors spread across the palate, buoyed by tangy acidity and moderate tannins. From an estate-owned vineyard and old vines planted on their own roots. Drink or hold.
3/15/2024	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Suckling	95	An especially wild, peppery, meaty wine, this is bursting with complex aromas and black fruit and dark spice flavors of nice intensity and breadth. From a very cool site, it's unusual, firmly structured and intriguing. Best from 2028.
3/15/2024	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Suckling	95	The first vintage from this single vineyard shows the effect of cool breezes from the Pacific that blow through the Eola-Amity Hills region each evening. It's one of their last vineyards to harvest. Aromas of fresh lemon and lime lead to a spicy palate of white pepper, green apple skin and kiwi fruit accented by light oak spices. Very lively ahd fresh. Best from 2027.
3/15/2024	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Suckling	96	Deep red currants and plump raspberries form a beautifully focused core in this substantial but graceful wine made from old vineyards plots that are not grafted to other rootstock. Medium-bodied, moderately tannin and nervy, with fresh acidity. Pure and balanced. Drinkable soon but best from 2027.

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2/21/2024	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Wine Spectator	94	Seduction meets elegant structure in this Pinot, which offers graceful raspberry and cherry flavors accented by rose petal and savory spice notes before finishing with polished tannins. Drink now through 2032.
2/21/2024	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Wine Spectator	92	Refined and precise, offering expressive flavors of apple and lemon laced with orange blossom and spice notes. Drink now through 2025. 440 cases made.
2/21/2024	Nysa P Noir	2021	Wine Spectator	94	An alluring red, this is elegant and sleekly styled. Layered with vibrant cherry and raspberry flavors that are delicately accented with rose petal and mineral notes as this glides toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2032. 239 cases made.
2/21/2024	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Wine Spectator	94	Robust yet detailed, with deep blue and red fruit gathering accents of dusky spices, forest floor and savory tea, this builds tension toward medium-grained tannins. Best from 2025 through 2035. 214 cases made.
2/21/2024	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Wine Spectator	93	Handsomely structured but doesn't show all of its cards yet. Offers deep blue and red fruit that blends with forest floor, clove and other dusky spice notes as this Pinot builds tension toward medium-grained tannins. Best from 2025 through 2033. 80 cases made.
2/21/2024	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Wine Spectator	92	Elegant yet richly structured, this white offers delicately layered lemon and nectarine flavors that take on citrus blossom and leesy spice accents. Drink now.
2/21/2024	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Wine Spectator	93	Lilting and detailed, with expressive flavors of lemon, honeysuckle and spices gliding along the steely finish. Drink now through 2026.
1/17/2024	Nysa P Noir	2021	Vinous	94+	The 2021 Pinot Noir Nysa Vineyard is spicy and perfumed with notes of wild strawberries, rose petals and star anise. Silky upon entry, a wiry, sultry character builds as saline minerals and tart wild berries are excited by nervous acidity. It finishes with a cheek-puckering cranberry concentration and fine-grained tannins while tapering off long and youthfully tense.
1/17/2024	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Vinous	93+	The 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill Vineyard is savory in the glass, opening with a burst of crushed stones and lavender-laced wild strawberries. It begins with a pretty inner sweetness balanced by crisp red berries and tantalizing acidity. The 2021 comes across as delicate yet potent. This leaves the palate stained in primary concentration yet refreshed as a web of fine-grained tannins gently tug at the palate.
1/17/2024	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Vinous	93	The 2021 Chardonnay Bishop Creek Vineyard is sweetly scented with candied lemon and mint leaf suggestions. It's softly textured, showing its minerality up front along with a penetrating citrus twang saturating as tart orchard fruits cascade throughout. This finishes with tension, crunchy and youthfully lean yet complex and long, leaving the slightest enriching show of vanilla custard.
1/17/2024	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Vinous	93	The 2021 Pinot Noir Bishop Creek Vineyard is dark and brooding, with a smoldering blend of crushed black cherries, dusty earth, savory herbs and cloves. Silky textures are energized by zesty acidity. Masses of tart wild berries cascade across the palate, depositing saline minerals and silky tannins that mount toward the close. Despite its youthful structure, it finishes unexpectedly fresh and lifted with a crunchy sensation as hints of sour citrus linger.
1/17/2024	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Vinous	91	The 2021 Pinot Noir L'Ensemble lifts from the glass with a dark and pleasantly herbal-tinged bouquet of crushed black cherries, brown spice and hints of cocoa. Silky-smooth with tart red berry depths, this saturates the palate as tannins slowly amass toward the close. Inner rose combines with raspberry and touches of citrus as the 2021 finishes long and straining yet only lightly tannic.
1/17/2024	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Vinous	93	A deep magenta, the 2021 Pinot Noir Momtazi Vineyard wafts up from the glass with a white pepper flourish, giving way to dried strawberries and dusty sage. Its soft textures and pure red fruits soothe, coming across as finessed and delicate as rosy inner florals resonate through. the 2021 finishes with medium-length yet impactful, leaving lingering dusty tannins and a gentle tension.
1/17/2024	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Vinous	93	the 2021 Pinot Noir Own-Rooted is wonderfully perfumed with hints of shaved cedar and clove complementing crushed blackberries. Seamlessly silky upon entry, the 2021 quickly gains tension and traction. Tart red fruits saturate, underscored by saline minerals. incredibly fresh and perfumed yet potent, the 2021 finished with straining length and a cranberry crunch.
1/17/2024	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Vinous	92	The 2021 Chardonnay Spirit Hill Vineyard is delicate in the glass, with a nuanced blend of baked apples and pears complemented by hints of lemon sorbet. Its plush in feel, with an opulent wave of ripe orchard fruits perfectly balanced by stimulating acidity as ground ginger nuances add contrast. it finishes spicy and long, leaving a lingering lemony concentration as the mouth is left watering for more.
1/17/2024	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Vinous	90	The 2021 Chardonnay Affinités lifts up with a pretty mix of crushed peaches, chamomile and sweet spice nuances that flow across the palate with ease. Steely mineral tones give way to crisp pit fruits complemented by hints of lemon zest. It finishes with medium length and youthful tension, leaving a citrusy concentration.
12/12/2023	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Wine & Spirits	95	Editors' Choice.
12/12/2023	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Wine & Spirits	94	Cellar Selection.
12/12/2023	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Wine & Spirits	94	Editors' Choice.
12/10/2023	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	Lovely, pure, clean, smooth, layered and beautifully balanced, this is a thrilling wine, and it is made from four parcels in 2021 – Bishops Creek (Yamhill-Carlton AVA), L'Angolo (Dundee Hills), Spirit Hill (Eola-Amity) and Lone Star (Eola-Amity). There is an amazing crunch of limestone that kicks in under gorgeous fruit notes, and the result is a buoyant, smooth and holistically engaging wine.
12/10/2023	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Matthew Jukes	19+/20	I admit, I didn't think I would be typing these words, but I am – this is the most incredible Oregon Chardonnay I have ever tasted. It is sensational – and I feel even more excited to announce it reminds me of a great Margaret River Chardonnay than a Burgundy. Stunning, full of magical herbal notes interwoven in the amazingly complex palate. In 2023, they managed to harvest over 3 tons to the acre. In 2021, it was only 1.4, so perhaps this concentration, balanced by extraordinary freshness, is the clue to this wine's incredible impact. It is tremendously layered, cool and succulent, and the finish is insanelly long and amazingly refined.

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12/10/2023	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Matthew Jukes	19+/20	I cannot believe how captivating this wine is. It is refreshing, cool, centred and balanced, and in 2021, it comes from a blend of 9 plots, the largest being Bishop Creek. It comprises the best barrels from each of these vineyards, and the principal skill on display in L'Ensemble is the dark art of blending! Once again, there is staggering purity here, and Jean-Nicolas picks a particular toast and grain for each distinct parcel of fruit. While he freely admits this is guesswork, and he makes minute changes each year to determine which suits best and always includes a new one in the mix, he has only changed the recipe twice over the years! The fruit handling and this attention to detail are evident in every flavour molecule. This is a landmark wine for Nicolas & Jay.
12/10/2023	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	This wine is made from vines that were planted on their own rootstocks, and in 2021, it is made up of three different vineyards: Hyland (McMinnville), Bishop Creek (Yamhill-Carlton) and Nysa (Dundee Hills). It is a dryer and more structured wine than L'Ensemble, with more of a smoky tone with a hint of meatiness. Only Pinot obsessives need apply here! There is terrific concentration and definition, making this a wine formed of vines that express the ultimate representation of terroir. As Jay puts it, "there is no graft to filter the flavour".
12/10/2023	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	This is one of two biodynamically farmed vineyards in the group, and it always delivers spicier and darker-toned fruit than the others. I sense Nebbiolo-like tension here, and this makes Momtazi more immediately expressive but also more polarising. While it appears to be one of the richer and more dazzling wines in the portfolio, and it is certainly juicy and intense, a lot of this scale is derived from earth as opposed to fruit tones, making Momtazi an entirely fascinating wine.
12/10/2023	Nysa P Noir	2021	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	Made from own-rooted vines planted in 1990, there is phylloxera present in this vineyard and so its days are numbered (in years, of course), and I feel that there is a more angular and more particular character here that brings subtlety and accuracy to the fore. Specific flavours of violets, roses and sour cherries, without the glitz of Momtazi make this a curiously focussed and unwavering wine, and you can sense the warmer, south-facing site and volcanic undertones here. Nysa starts quietly, but it builds and grabs hold of your senses (gently), and this makes it a thoroughly convincing wine.
12/10/2023	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Matthew Jukes	19/20	Made from solely the own-rooted vines in block 3 (Pommard clone) and block 4 (777 clone), this is a stunningly classy wine with a calm, quiet, deeply penetrative flavour that ought to be more sombre and challenging but turns out to be silky, cherry-soaked, creamy and luxurious. There are even lovely, teasingly hedonistic raspberry notes hidden in its depths, making this a fantastic gift that unwraps itself on your palate and seems more layered than appears possible.
11/14/2023	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	97	50% new French oak barrels were used during aging on the 2021 Own-Rooted Pinot Noir from Nicolas Jay. The favorite of the line-up, it excites in every way possible, from the wonderful balance between fruit, earth, tannins, and acidity that flows over the tongue in unison to the lovely earth and spice notes of pine forest and grated clove. There is a wonderful anise and dried herb component that hits the back palate and stays for minutes. Sweet tannins and lemony acidity complete the wine. 305 cases made. Highly recommended and editor's choice.
11/14/2023	Nysa P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	96	Loaded with tension and finesse, the 2021 Nysa Vineyard Pinot Noir from Nicolas Jay was also aged in 50% new French oak barrels. It pours a bright, glimmering ruby hue with a neon pink rim and brings forward aromas of Bing cherries, candied flower petals, crushed rocks, and hints of cranberry cocktail. Vibrant on the palate, with a medium body, fine tannins, invigorating acidity, and lovely notes of tangerine peel that hit the mid-palate alongside the lengthy finish. 230 cases made. Highly recommended.
11/14/2023	Momtazi P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	96	The 2021 Momtazi Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay was aged in 50% new French oak and sports a slightly darker ruby core with a bluish rim than its siblings. Fresh boysenberry, lavender flowers, dried herbs, cinnamon sticks, and wet earth emanate from the glass. Tannins are supple and sweet while maintaining elevated acidity on the finish. 205 cases were produced. Highly recommended.
11/14/2023	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	97	Aged in 50% new French oak, this phenomenal Bishop Creek Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay is a work of art. Ruby neon cored with a lighter pink rim, it stuns with aromas of lavender flowers, crushed strawberries, forest herbs, and shades of Blood orange zest. Medium to full-bodied across the palate, it gifts more red-fruit accents that are perfectly balanced with the crunchy tannins and the mouthwatering acidity. Just 325 cases made. Highly recommended and editor's choice.
11/14/2023	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	96	The 2021s from Nicolas-Jay are all so beautifully produced it's hard to pick favorites between the line-up. The 2021 Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir was also aged in 50% new French oak barrels and is explosive on the nose with bountiful aromas of crushed wild raspberries, wild blueberries, Kirsh, toasted anise, and sweet baking spices. Crunchy tannins pair perfectly with the perfect levels of acidity racing towards a long and elegant finish. I would give this one another year or two in the bottle for the best drinking experience. Just 80 cases made. Highly recommended.
9/21/2023	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	96	The medium ruby 2021 Own-Rooted is gorgeous, with a floral, expressive perfume of herbes de Provence, cardamon, wild raspberry, and mossy earth. Medium-bodied, with fine, graceful tannins, its floral perfume floats across the palate with a highly refined feel and a mouthwatering mineral accent on the finish. It is hard to resist now but certainly has the structure to gain intensity over the coming 10-15 years.
9/21/2023	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	93	A blend of their sites, including Bishop Creek and Spirit Hill, the 2021 Chardonnay Affinités pours a youthful bright yellow and is expressive with aromas of ripe Williams pear, wet stone, honeysuckle, and fresh melon. Medium to full-bodied, it displays an attractive, supple texture with elegant, ripe fruit and a long finish. Evenly balanced with an undercurrent of fresh acidity, it's drinking beautifully now and will continue to have a solid drinking window over the coming 5-7 years.
9/21/2023	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	95	A brilliant silver-yellow color, the 2021 Spirit Hill takes on more tension and energy, with aromas of flinty wet rocks, lemon-lime citrus oils, raw honeycomb, and green apple. Medium-bodied, with a fresh spine of acidity, it's long on the palate, with an elegant, soft texture that floats across the palate with a weightless feel. It is deserving of cellaring and will likely build in texture as it matures, but it's graceful now. Drink 2024-2032.
9/21/2023	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	96	A medium red hue, the 2021 Pinot Noir Bishop Creek grabs your attention right away, with layered aromas of gravelly earth and kirsch, as well as potent notes of crushed pine needles and fresh lavender. Long on the palate, it's packed with structure and is medium to full-bodied, with mouthwatering mineral accents of saline, a balanced seam of acidity, and ripe tannins. It expands across the palate and retains good focus. Drink 2025-2040.

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9/21/2023	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	95	A jeweled ruby hue, the 2021 Pinot Noir L'Ensemble needs a little time to open in the glass before revealing aromas of fresh pine, ripe cherry liqueur, and toasted spice. Supple and medium to full-bodied, with ripe tannins. It delivers elegant freshness and wonderful purity through its long, mouthwatering, seamless finish. Drink 2025-2047
9/21/2023	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	95	From a vineyard originally planted to Pinot Gris, the 2021 Chardonnay Bishop Creek pours a bright straw hue and takes on a sunier profile of aromatics in its notes of white peach, orange blossoms, delicate baking spice, and lemon curd. The palate is full-bodied, with a weightless feel, a long, luxurious texture, and notes of almond that coat the palate. If well-stored, this is another wine that should age gracefully and improve with a few years in the cellar, Drink 2025-2032.
9/21/2023	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	95	From the notable, biodynamically farmed vineyard owned by Maysara, the 2021 Pinot Noir Momtazi pours dark ruby-red and takes on a more reserved profile on opening. It needs time to unfold and reveal its aromas of brambly berries, purple flowers, resinous herbs, and freshly turned earth. Structured and tension-packed, it's medium to full-bodied, with a weightless feel, and offers a long finish. It's going to be exceptional over the next few years. Drink 2025-2040.
9/21/2023	Nysa P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	95	A bright ruby, the 2021 Pinot Noir Nysa is ripe with pure fruit of red cherry liqueur, candied roses, anise and fresh pine. The palate takes on a darker mineral-tinged profile, with ripe tannins and notes of black tea adding a grounding sensibility, while it retains a refined feel in its earthier profile. Well-balanced and long on the palate, it will benefit from another couple of years in bottle to develop into its more savory tones of porcini and umami richness. Drink 2025-2040.
9/21/2023	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Jeb Dunnuck	96	Pouring a bright ruby, the 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill is expressive out of the gate, revealing lifted aromas of violets, kirsch, licorice, and allspice. It has a core of concentrated fruit through the palate, with its gripping ripe tannins coiled around an even spine of acidity that propels the wine forward through a long, balanced finish. A harmonious wine with an angular texture at this youthful stage. I enjoy this already, but it deserves another few years time before drinking over the next decade or two.
8/16/2023	Nysa P Noir	2021	Decanter	93	Planted to its own roots in the 1990s, Nysa is a study in boldness as a vineyard, and it brings elegance in this Pommard clone bottling by Nicolas Jay. Sweet berry aromatics open alongside white tea, and the palate is showy and loaded with delicate fruit flavours: strawberry and balsamic and Oregon blackberry dance alongside a note of black tea leaf.
8/16/2023	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Decanter	93	Aromatically forward, the L'ensemble is a blend of sites Nicolas Jay works with across the Willamette Valley. This wine captures so well what makes people excited about Oregon's Pinot Noir. Fresh fruit, savoury minerality and umami character. Aromas of strawberry fruit roll-up, savoury clove notes, dusty gravel road and a touch of forest floor. The palate is bright and high-toned with impeccable persistence and density.
8/16/2023	Bishop Creek P Noir	2021	Decanter	94	A floral-driven aromatic leaps forward from these 30-year-old, own-rooted vines in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. Notes of violets and savoury garrigue give way to red berries and earth. The palate is mouth-watering, with lush fruit and fresh acidity coming together in juicy berry flavours and ample structure that hint at this wine just getting warmed up.
8/16/2023	Momtazi P Noir	2021	Decanter	93	Savoury spice notes come to the fore from this well-regarded McMinnville AVA vineyard site, planted at over 225m—notes of spice box, five-star anise and gravelly minerality hint at a backing of blue fruits. The texture is lush yet hints at real ageability. Gamey notes and savoury fennel lean into dark fruit character and a supple finish that goes on for some time.
8/16/2023	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	Decanter	94	A rich, redolent Chardonnay from one of the Argyle winery's vineyards shows tremendous depth in the hands of Nicolas Jay winemaker Tracy Kendall. Lemon verbena and gardenia aromas announce a wildly elegant wine, followed by grapefruit pith and petrichor notes. The palate balances delicate white peach skin, fresh-cut pear and savoury notes of grass, sweet hay and honeyed ginger. It's a beauty.
8/16/2023	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2021	Decanter	95	This Chardonnay comes from an upper block at Bishop Creek planted in the 1990s; it is light, airy and refined. With aromatics of peach skin and chamomile, there is a hint of savoury elegance at play. The palate shows more vibrant stone fruit alongside notes of cardamom pod, mandarin flesh and a kiss of salinity.
8/16/2023	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Decanter	94	This wine has great tension and intensity sourced from several biodynamically farmed sites in the Willamette Valley—aromatics of savoury white pepper, green mango and fleshy peach skin. The palate is marked with salinity and followed on by white tea, petrichor and a kiss of bruised green apples. Its lengthy finish shows real elegance.
8/16/2023	Own-Rooted P Noir	2021	Decanter	94	A blend from three different vineyards planted on their own rootstocks, Hyland in McMinnville, the estate Bishop Creek site in the Yamhill Carlton and Nysa Vineyard in the Dundee Hills. This concentrated effort shows sweet blue and black fruit aromatics with ample floral notes. The palate shows lush elegance, with fruit and florals dominating the show. Crushed black and red berries mingle with notes of pine tar and finish with a lightness.
8/16/2023	Temperance Hill P Noir	2021	Decanter	94	Indicative of its Eola-Amity origins, this wine shows that renowned spicy character from one of the AVA's most significant sites. Aromatics show lean berry fruits and notes of wintergreen that give way to a spicy earth character. The palate is light on its feet. Early season raspberry, cranberry and pomegranate give way to evergreen tips and fresh mint. This wine has many years ahead of it and will age wonderfully.
8/10/2023	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	Burghound	90	Pretty and nicely layered aromas include those of red and dark berries, plum, violet and a hint of anise. The medium-bodied flavors are not especially dense but I very much like the texture thanks to the fine-grained tannins supporting the bitter pit fruit-inflected finale that could also use better depth. I like the style and this should repay 5 to 8 or so years of keeping.
8/10/2023	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	Burghound	90	A restrained nose is comprised mostly by notes of citrus zest, green apple and a whiff of quinine. The sleek, delicious and vibrant middleweight flavors culminate in a clean and refreshingly dry finale that could use better depth so 2 to 3 years of cellaring should prove helpful.
6/25/2023	Spirit Hill Chardonnay	2021	International Wine Report	96	The Spirit Hill 2021 Chardonnay is the first release from this site in the Eola-Amity Hills. It's aged in 40% new French oak and displays a very light, glistening lemon core with a watery rim in the glass. The nose pops with aromas of fresh apricot flesh, jasmine flower, white nectarine, sea breeze, and dried thyme. The palate is more concentrated and complex than the nose and really makes this wine come alive. Impeccably balanced with grilled citrus and spice notes and a lengthy finish that goes on for minutes. Only 100 cases were made. Highly recommended.

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6/25/2023	L'Ensemble P Noir	2021	International Wine Report	96	The 2021 L'Ensemble Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay is Aged for 16 months in 35% new French oak barrels and sports a medium translucent ruby-garnet core with a light neon pink rim in the glass. A stunning example of a well-crafted Pinot Noir from Oregon, it explodes with notes of crushed red raspberries, Bing cherries, toasted cinnamon stick, Blood orange zest, and dried violet flowers with just a smidgeon of earthy notes that keep things interesting. Tannins are a bit higher than most 2021s I've tasted from the valley, but this is a good thing, as it will allow this wine to age for 10-15 years with proper cellaring. Perfect levels of acidity, spice, and fruit complete this decadent and phenomenal wine. 1200 cases were crafted. Highly recommended.
6/25/2023	Affinités Chardonnay	2021	International Wine Report	97	The 2021 Affinités Chardonnay is aged for 25% new French oak barrels and displays a light lemon and straw core with a water rim. This is a scintillating and gorgeous Chardonnay from the winemaking wizards of Nicolas Jay that showcases what Chardonnay can be from Oregon. Grilled lemon citrus, singed herbs, and white nectarine merge with shades of white clay, wet stone, and pink grapefruit pith. The palate is a perfect mélange of brioche, citrus, and sliced green apples with perfectly balanced acidity and a lengthy finish that doesn't stop. About 590 cases were made. Highly recommended and editor's choice.
10/26/2022	WV P Noir	2019	Wine Spectator	95	A lovely wine, supple and harmonious, with multilayered raspberry and cherry flavors that mix with brown baking spices and a hint of mineral as this builds richness and tension toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2030.
10/26/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	Wine Spectator	94	Floral and savory, this Pinot offers elegance and dimension, with cherry and pomegranate flavors that mingle with orange peel, fresh viloeet and dusky spice. Finishes with polished tannins. Drink now through 2030
10/26/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Wine Spectator	94	A wine with grace and tension, this opens with pretty violet aromas that lead to vibrant, steely raspberry and guava flavors accented by forest floor and spices. Ends with refined, mineral-tinged tannings. Drink now through 2030
10/1/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Wilfred Wong	96	This could be my #1 wine of 2022. I still have 500 or more wines to taste, but it is my favorite as of this writing. Ever since I attended the launch of this winery, I became a fan. This wine is in a class by itself. Red and black fruits, dried leaves, earth, and authenticity abound; it is slightly elevated and lasts long on the palate, perfect if you have wine geeks and professionals at the grand feast.
10/1/2022	Affinités Chardonnay	2020	Wine Enthusiast	92	Clarified butter, toast and spice aromas lead to a bright, lively, lemony palate. It's completely captivating. Decant and pair with shrimp scampi with butter, lemon and fresh parsley.
9/22/2022	WV P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	93	Fruit that is sourced from almost every AVA in the Willamette Valley, the winemaking team at Nicolas Jay is able to craft a gorgeous wine that is always delicious vintage to vintage. Crunchy red fruit, spiced Christmas cake, blood orange zest, milk chocolate, and Earl Gray tea are all present with additional notes of toasted white peppercorn and dried thyme. Medium-bodied, with racy acidity, and medium silky tannins, the wine finishes lengthy and fruity as well as delivering a tantalizing herbaceous note. 495 cases were made in 2019. \$65 93 Points 2022-2030
9/22/2022	Temperance Hill P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	94	Temperance Hill Vineyard is located in a cooler site in the Eola-Amity district, and for the first time, Nicolas Jay is turning it into a single vineyard wine in their portfolio. A dark ruby-purple core, with a light pink rim, it is a delight to observe in the glass. Crushed stone, white pepper, black cherry, huckleberry, scorched earth, and a touch of charcuterie are all present in the glass. The nose is absolutely stunning, complex, and interesting. The palate delivers chalky tannins, red and blue fruit, and some subtle Earl gray tea notes. Only 100 cases produced. 94 Points 2022-2032
9/22/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	95	The Own Rooted Pinot Noir from Nicolas Jay showcases several old-vine sites around Willamette Valley, each at least 30 years in age, and still planted on their own rootstock. The third vintage of this wine is aged in 50% new French oak barrels which gives it added structure, depth, and overall spiciness. The nose pops with aromas of wild macerated strawberry, and poultry herbs and reminds me of sitting in the middle of a pine tree forest after an autumn rain. Sweet red fruit, and Christmas spice cake take center stage on the palate, but the finish is herbaceous with tons of minerality and character. Better in 2023. Only 342 cases made. Highly recommended. \$90 95 Points 2023-2033
9/22/2022	Nysa P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	93	The 2019 Nysa from Nicolas Jay comes from own-rooted Pommard clones from a 1990 planting and is aged in 50% new French oak barrels. Fresh thimbleberry, cranberry, volcanic soils, wet autumn leaves, and pencil shavings shine forth on the nose and on the palate. High-toned fruit, vanilla bean, and cigar box creep in on the palate. It's round, plush, and wonderfully bright. Just 195 cases produced \$90 2022-2030 93 Points
9/22/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	94	Medium-dark ruby in the glass, with a neon pink rim, this Nicolas Jay Pinot Noir from Momtazi Vineyard is a treat. 50% new French oak brings an amazing spicy character, and darker fruit to the nose and on the palate. Sourced from biodynamic grapes from one of the oldest (planted in the late 1990s) and best vineyards in the area, this stunning wine has notes of black cherry pie, spiced blue plum, black peppercorn, cedary herbs, and a hint of tangerine zest. It sports lovely acidity and crunchy tannins, alongside a fruity and herbaceous finish. It is a bit tight and needs some time in the bottle, but with that time, expect an exceptional bottle of wine. Hold until 2023 to drink. Only 195 cases produced. \$95 2023-2033 94 Points
9/22/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	93	Aged in 35% in new French oak barrels, the L'ensemble is a blend coming from the best of the best of exclusive barrels from each vineyard. Starting off a tad reductive (which I love) on the nose, it quickly exposes aromas of wild blueberry, mountain huckleberry, pencil shavings, milk chocolate, spiced candied blood orange peel, and dried rose petal. It's complex and interesting. The palate moves to secondary characteristics of vanilla bean, black tea, and wet earth. Crunchy tannins and high acidity complete the wine. 1329 cases produced \$65 93 Points 2022-2032
9/22/2022	Bishop Creek P Noir	2019	International Wine Report	93	A majority of the fruit from the Bishop Creek Vineyard comes from fruit that was planted in 1998 and 1990 and is own-rooted. The nose pops with the terroir and sense of place of this vineyard with notes of black cherry candy, blueberry pie, raspberry liquor, cedary herbs, and a lovely toasted clove note, which you get from the 50% new French oak barrel aging. The palate is pure and round with medium-plus tannins and high acidity and brings additional components of white peppercorn and dried lavender on the finish. Better in 2023. Only 288 cases were produced. 93 Points \$110 2023-2033
9/22/2022	Affinités Chardonnay	2020	International Wine Report	95	Organic grapes which come from several of the best vineyard sites of Nicolas Jay. It starts reductive and gorgeous on the nose - lemon curd, flint, grilled apricot, white wildflowers, and red apple tones abound. The palate is zippy, fresh, and pronounced with flavors of cinnamon-coated apple, wet volcanic soil, and ground white peppercorn. High acidity, medium body Complex and beautiful, the touch of oak aging makes itself known but in a very shy manner. This one should age beautifully for some time to come. Better in 2023. 440 cases produced. 95 Points 2023-2036

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8/15/2022	Affinités Chardonnay	2020	Wine Spectator	92	Handsomely built, with deep and multilayered flavors of tropical fruit and orange peel accented by dusky spice and hints of mineral. Drink now. 359 cases made.—Tim Fish
8/10/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2019	Wine Spectator	95	A wine with dimension and detail, this Pinot is the complete package, with multilayered and polished raspberry, blueberry, orange peel and dusky spice flavors that build richness and tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2030. From Oregon.—T.F.
7/25/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Wine Enthusiast	94	Fruit for this wine comes from vines planted in the 1970s and 1980s. The aromas are intoxicating, with notes of wild strawberry, red plum, underbrush, black tea, leaves, cinnamon and satsuma. Full-feeling flavors follow, showing intensity, depth and plenty of structure. Black-tea notes linger on the finish. Its a complete delight. Editors' Choice
7/25/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	Wine Enthusiast	93	Fruit for this wine comes from Hyland, Nysa and Bishop Creek vineyards. The aromas are completely dazzling, with notes of raspberry, peppermint leaf, blood orange, pomegranate and a kiss of cinnamon, showing clarity and delineation. A full-flavored palate follows, with depth, intensity, grace and sophistication. Yes. Editors' Choice
7/25/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2019	Wine Enthusiast	93	The fruit for this wine comes from vines planted in 1999 on volcanic soils. The aromas are thoroughly beguiling, with notes of black tea, flower, herb and crushed granite. Seamless, medium-bodied plum and cherry flavors follow, showing depth and grace. Lightly sandy tannings back it up. Give it a few years in bottle or decant to see it at its best. Editors' Choice
7/25/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Wine Enthusiast	92	The aromas smell like a big bowl of fruit, with notes of raspberries still on the vine. Peppermint and dried herb add accents. Medium-bodied flavors follow, coating the palate from end to end, with powdered cinnamon tannins and black-tea flavors. It's completely captivating. Editors' Choice
7/25/2022	Bishop Creek P Noir	2019	Wine Enthusiast	92	Fruit for this wine comes from vines planted in 1988. Brooding aromas of cherry, black tea and dried herb lead to full-feeling flavors that show intensity, sophistication and balance. It's outrageously delicious.
7/20/2022	Nysa P Noir	2019	Wine Spectator	94	Precise and seductive, this Pinot unfurls slowly to floral raspberry and cherry, black tea and spicy vanilla flavors that build richness and structure on the polished finish. Drink now through 2030. —T.F.
6/1/2022	Temperance Hill P Noir	2019	Suckling	96	Tight and focused pinot with a fine, soft texture, showing ripe-strawberry and dusty-stone character. Some lilacs, too. Medium-to full-bodied. Hints of hibiscus. More attractive than some bottlings from here. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
6/1/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	Suckling	96	Dark berries and strawberries with some earth and tar. Medium to full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Lots going on here. Opens at the end. Unfined and unfiltered. Layered and citrus rind texture. Serious. Needs three or four years to open. Best after 2024.
6/1/2022	Nysa P Noir	2019	Suckling	95	Captivating purity of fruit and finesse, together with fine energy that coils through the center palate of the wine. The fine tannins are sleek and polished with a woven whole density, Hibiscus and dark-earth flavors, too. Citrus undertone. Own roots. Unfined and unfiltered. Drink after 2024.
6/1/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Suckling	93	Aromas of strawberries, spices and flowers follow through to a medium body with a firm and slightly chewy mouth-feel and a delicious finish. Give it time to come together and open. Unfined and unfiltered. Drink after 2025.
6/1/2022	Bishop Creek P Noir	2019	Suckling	94	Lots of minerals and crushed berries with cherries and stones. Flowers, too. Medium body with iodine and orange peel. Stony and tight. Unfined and unfiltered. This needs four or five years to soften. Try after 2024.
6/1/2022	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2019	Suckling	96	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.
5/31/2022	WV P Noir	2018	Wilfred Wong	93	The 2018 Nicolas-Jay Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is bright and authentic. TASTING NOTES: This wine excels with aromas and flavors of bright red fruits, dried spices, earth, and wood.
5/31/2022	Affinités Chardonnay	2020	Wilfred Wong	94	The 2020 Nicolas-Jay Affinités Chardonnay delivers excitement on the palate. TASTING NOTES: This wine shines with aromas and flavors of sandalwood, dried earth, oak, and chalk.
4/21/2022	WV P Noir	2019	Suckling	95	Crystal clear and precise with ripe strawberry, light spice and brightness. Sort of airy and ethereal on the nose. Full-bodied with tightness and focus, linearity and depth. Goes on for minutes. Unfined and unfiltered. Try after 2027
4/21/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2019	Suckling	97	Aromas and flavors of guava and crushed strawberries. So perfumed. Full-bodied, yet linear and pretty, with layered tannins and a juicy aftertaste of berries. Seductive and wild. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but needs to open even more
4/20/2022	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	93	A wine with presence and density, offering richly structured black raspberry, rose petal and dusky spice flavors that take on richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2029. —T.F.
4/15/2022	WV P Noir	2019	Wine & Spirits	92	Sleek and pure, this appellation wine has a scent of crushed plums and warm berries; a hint of tar and five-spice round it out. The flavors are focused and persistent, with a juicy midpalate and a pleasing, suede-like grip of tannins. —P.J.C. (495 cases)
4/1/2022	WV P Noir	2018	Wine Enthusiast	93	Cellar Selection
3/1/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Wine & Spirits	94	Bringing together lots from five appellations, Jean-Nicolas Méo has crafted a gorgeous assemblage here, elegant and yet packed with flavor. It smells like a handful of ripe berries, the dark fruit elements framed by foresty scents. The wine's texture is concentrated, focused and pure; its reined-in richness and succulence that finishes with remarkable poise. Impressive on its own, it would pair beautifully with game, like quail or Cornish hen roasted with fresh thyme.
2/1/2022	WV P Noir	2018	Vinous	92	Deep magenta. An expansive bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruits, mocha, candied flowers and licorice, and a spicy nuance builds in the glass. Sappy cherry and blueberry flavors are underscored by a vein of juicy acidity that adds back-end lift and focus. Supple, even tannins frame the long, spicy finish, which echoes the blue fruit and floral notes. This shows the power of the vintage, but there's real energy here as well. 20% new French oak.
2/1/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Vinous	94	Glistening ruby. Powerful, spice-accented red and blue fruits, incense, vanilla and candied flowers on the seductively perfumed nose. Expansive cherry cola, black raspberry and lavender pastille flavors are complemented by building spice and smoky mineral nuances. Fine-grained and seamless in texture, showing sharp detail and resonating spiciness, slowly building tannins and a hint of mocha on the impressively long finish. 50% new French oak.

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2/1/2022	Nysa P Noir	2018	Vinous	94	Saturated crimson. Highly perfumed aromas of ripe red and blue fruits, incense and vanilla; floral and baking spice nuances emerge as the wine opens up. Juicy and broad on the palate, offering appealingly sweet boysenberry, black raspberry and spicecake flavors that deepen steadily through the back half. Blends power and finesse with a sure hand and finishes very long and precise, with finely integrated tannins and lingering florality. 50% new French oak.
2/1/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2018	Vinous	94	Glistening ruby. Boysenberry, cherry cola, exotic spices, vanilla and a suave potpourri quality on the highly perfumed nose. Juicy and expansive in the mouth, offering appealingly sweet red and blue fruit liqueur, floral pastille, mocha and spicecake flavors that slowly deepen through the midpalate. Shows fine delineation and emphatic, minerally lift on a gently tannic, penetrating, impressively long finish that echoes the floral note. 50% new French oak.
2/1/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Vinous	94	Vivid ruby. Assertive aromas of blackberry, licorice, cola and exotic spices take on a sexy floral nuance as the wine opens up. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering concentrated red and dark berry liqueur flavors along with suggestions of cola and star anise. Finishes with slowly building tannins and impressive persistence, leaving a smoky mineral note behind. 33% new French oak.
2/1/2022	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	Vinous	95	Bright violet. Powerful, oak-spiced cherry and blackberry scents, along with suggestions of incense, star anise, vanilla and musky sassafras. Alluringly sweet and expansive in the mouth, offering intense red and dark berry preserve, cherry cola and spicecake flavors and building smokiness. In a pretty primary state right now. Closes impressively long and gently chewy, with slowly building tannins and repeating spice and dark fruit notes. 50% new French oak.
1/26/2022	WV P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	94	Silky, savory and well-knit, with polished raspberry, spiced cinnamon and orange peel accents that build tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2030. —T.F.
1/26/2022	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	93	Offers compelling raspberry and fresh violet aromas, that open to tightly focused cherry, bay leaf and stony mineral accents, finishing with snappy tannins. Drink now through 2030. 270 cases made.
1/26/2022	Nysa P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	93	Deeply structured and well-framed, this red has brooding raspberry, orange peel and dusky spice flavors that build tension and tannins on the long finish. Best from 2023 - 2030. 150 cases made.
1/26/2022	Momtazi P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	93	Harmonious and well-defined, with floral raspberry and guava flavors accented by clove and other dark spices, finishing with fine-grained tannins. Drink now-2029. 145 cases made.
1/26/2022	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Wine Spectator	94	Handsomely built and polished, with a vibrant core of lively acidity and tannins wrapped in vibrant cherry, savory forest floor and spice tones that build tension toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2030. —T.F.
11/9/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	Matthew Jukes	18/20	Own-Rooted production is only a couple of hundred cases, and this is because finding Pinot vines on their own roots is needle in a haystack stuff. There are fewer than 100 acres in Oregon alone, and there is nothing like this in Burgundy. There is a darkness and coolness to this wine which, whether this is true or not, seems more elemental and soil-soaked than any of the other cuvées. These 2019s are all a couple of notches less alcoholic than the 2018s, and this further enhances the depth and darkness at the centre of this particular wine. Drier, firmer, raspier and thought-provoking, this wine is drawn from relatively old vines, and while, on the face of it, it is certainly the least flamboyant of the collection, it is also the most intriguing. 18+/20
11/9/2021	Nysa P Noir	2019	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	In the Dundee Hills, Nysa is an early ripening, warmer site, and this is evident in the open, cherry-soaked nose and the slightly paler hue. While this is very much a red and not a black style of Pinot, there is significant acidity here which snaps shut on the finish making this a Ninjalike creature that lures you in and reacts with lightning speed just when you allow yourself to relax. It will develop beautifully if you have the patience reflecting a tender but opinionated side to the magnificent Pinot Noir grape. 18.5+/20
11/9/2021	Momtazi P Noir	2019	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	Rich, dark and brooding, with profound depth and weight, there is a coolness and calmness to this wine which is completely captivating, and it almost possesses Vosne-like traits from its colour to its depth of black cherry fruit. The silkiness is superb, and there is exoticism here in rose petal notes that add fleeting moments of glamour. Biodynamically farmed, this site is almost always the last to be picked because of its cooler setting. The cold air rushed up from the coast, augmenting the terrific quality of the fruit while adding tension and drama to the tannins. 18.5+/20
11/9/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	2019 l'Ensemble is another <i>tour de force</i> from NJ and, in common with the 2018 (which you can read about in Episode 51), it is a cuvée made up of the best vineyards and their best barrels. In fact, 65% of L'Ensemble is taken from the Bishop Creek, Momtazi and Nysa Vineyards, which are all made as single-site wines (see below). I am extremely taken with this vintage because the fruit is at once silky and alluring, and then the heartbeat of the wine, coming from the three tonally different but amazingly harmonious vineyards, underpins the succulence giving it drive, depth and determination. Floral on the nose, silky on the mid-palate and grand on the finish, much of the gravitas here is weighted towards the rear of the experience, indicating spectacularly well-drilled tannins resulting from the incredible quality of the Pinot skins. 18.5+/20
11/9/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2019	Matthew Jukes	19/20	I am finishing with my favourite of the single-site wines, and this is certainly the most commanding and upright of the collection. Profound, complex and structured, this is a seriously impressive wine with a deep core of imposing black fruit and a more obviously firm and closed finish. There is so much to discover here, given time, and the class in this cuvée in 2019 is undisputed. 19+/20
11/9/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2019	Matthew Jukes	19/20	While 2018 was a dry and warm vintage, 2019 was quite the reverse, with cooler and also wetter conditions. This means that 2018 and 2019 Bishop Creek Chardonnays are polar opposites in terms of shape and size but they are almost identical in NDA and flavour triggers and this speaks volumes about the quality and integrity of this superb site. 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

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11/9/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	Matthew Jukes	18/20	Affinités is made from several small Chardonnay parcels taken from Willamette combined with fruit from Bishop Creek. Only 359 cases were made in 2019, and while volumes are set to grow, and there is a chance that around 800 cases might be produced in 2021 when they bring two older vineyards into the mix, this will always be an extremely rare wine and one which is likely to remain on allocation. If you are keen to secure stock, you must hurry. Having said this, I could write this sentence for every wine in this review! 2019 Affinités Chardonnay is a more sensual wine than I expected, and it has finely-judged control and pristine acidity.
11/8/2021	WV P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	93	Made from a blend of organic grapes from almost every AVA in the Willamette Valley and brought up in 20% new French oak, the wine displays medium ruby in the glass. Fresh red cherry, black tea, milk chocolate pencil shavings and toasted clove pop on the nose. Wonderful crunchy red fruit and some toasted anise hit the palate along with bountiful acidity and silky tannins to deliver a yummy wine that will age for another decade or more.
11/8/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	97	Ungrafted, old-vines that are at least 30 years old deliver the heavenly fruit for this Pinot Noir, which is the best I've ever tasted from the estate. Wild strawberry, black cherry, Early gray tea, graphite, dried lavender, toasted white chocolate, and some almost Syrah-like meaty and olive components. Wonderfully complex on the nose, the palate is just as interesting with added components of macerated huckleberry and sandalwood flavors. The acidity and tannins are perfectly balanced and the wine dances over the tongue and finishes savory with a black-fruit and earthy ending. Drink now with a heavy decant or enjoy over the next 15 years or more. Only 270 cases produced. Highly recommended.
11/8/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2019	Wineanorak	95	Lovely brightness to this wine, with good acidity, and fresh red cherry and redcurrant fruit. This has some structure, but it sits in nicely amid the focused bright fruit. There's a transparency to this wine, which is bright and purposeful. Very fine.
11/8/2021	Nysa P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	93	Organic and biodynamic grapes from the Nysa Vineyard and brought up in 50% new French oak. Starting off a tad reductive on the nose, it quickly blows off to display aromas of black raspberry, blueberry, crushed wet stone, dried mint, matchstick and candied tangerine peel. Silky tannins, medium high acidity and a medium body complete the wine and helps it deliver a finish that is lively and lengthy. Only 150 cases produced.
11/8/2021	Nysa P Noir	2019	Wineanorak	95	Very fine aromatics: bright red cherries with some floral overtones and a slight sappiness, showing a hint of oak, too. Astonishing elegance on the palate with red cherries, cranberries and a hint of cedar spice. This is so pretty, in a lighter style, but it doesn't lack concentration or potential ageworthiness. Give this a little time to fully integrate. So good.
11/8/2021	Momtazi P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	94	This spectacular Pinot Noir from the Momtazi Vineyard is brought up in 50% new French oak and displays notes of boysenberry, huckleberry, black licorice, smoked baking spices, fresh cedar and some turned wet earth components. As with all of Nicolas-Jay's wines, the nose is unreal and worth buying the wine for that alone. The palate presents medium plus acidity and mellow tannins alongside a saline and savory characteristic that matches the luscious fruit. Only 145 cases made.
11/8/2021	Momtazi P Noir	2019	Wineanorak	97	This is ripe, fresh and quite dense with keen acidity and bright red cherry and raspberry fruit. Great concentration here and lots of freshness, with a slight liqueur-like richness on the mid-palate. This is really fine and potentially long lived, combining good structure and acidity. Sensational.
11/8/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	94	A phenomenal blend from the 8 different vineyard sites that is blended together with the most expressive barrels from each location. The wine also ages in ½ new French oak for an additional 6 months to give more structure and depth to the wine upon release. A beautiful effort was made with the nose on this wine, as I enjoyed it for several minutes before taking a sip - black cherry, black plum skin, dried herbs, sweet vanilla are all present. Elevated acidity and a medium tannin structure give way to a medium to full bodied wine that is balanced. It finishes tart with meaty savory notes. This should have what it takes to easily age for a decade or more.
11/8/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2019	Wineanorak	96	Beautifully floral aromatics with sweet red cherries: so inviting. The palate is supple and elegant with fresh red cherries and plums. Very fresh and delicious with such purity and real elegance. I love the texture to this wine which is just so fine. Real elegance.
11/8/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	International Wine Report	95	A large majority of the fruit comes from ungrafted vines that were planted over 30 years ago and are framed completely organic and biodynamic. The 2018 Bishop's Creek rests on 50% new French oak that very much compliments the wine's luscious fruit flavors and doesn't overpower. The Bishop's Creek Pinot Noir always delivers, think aromas of crushed wild blackberry, white cracked peppercorn, dried lavender, toasted almonds and sweet baking spices. The palate presents gorgeous red and dark fruit flavors with added components of black raspberry, green olive and brown mushroom. The wine is balanced, luscious, and delicious. Only 290 cases made. Highly recommended.
11/8/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2019	Wineanorak	95	Very fresh and fine with lovely redcurrant and cherry fruit, with nice intensity and structure. There's a distinctive woody spiciness hiding under the fresh fruit. Has a touch of gravel and spice with fresh red cherries on the finish. Lovely intensity here and potential for development.
11/8/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2019	International Wine Report	94	Organically farmed on vines that are almost 30 years old, this Burgundian-style Chardonnay sees 20% new French oak, which gives it wonderful aromatics and body. 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.
11/8/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2019	Wineanorak	95	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.
11/8/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	International Wine Report	91	100% organic grapes make up this Affinités Chardonnay that sees no new French oak and supplies aromas of lemon peel, white flower blossoms, lemongrass and wet white sand. The palate is more citrus than apple or stone fruit. It's lean and crisp on the palate bringing lovely acidity and structure. Only 359 cases produced.
11/8/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	Wineanorak	94	Nice intensity on the nose, which is nutty and toasty with powerful pear and citrus fruit. Linear, quite mineral, with the concentration and richness nicely restrained with good acidity. Lovely weight here with a fine, spicy finish. Serious effort.

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9/23/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Decanter	96	This exciting blend showcases three sites planted on their own roots: the Hyland Vineyard in McMinnville, the Nysa Vineyard in Dundee, and the estate's own Bishop Creek site in Yamhill-Carlton. The fruit is destemmed and fermented on native yeasts before aging over two winters in French casks. The result shows a sweet, forward cassis fruit that expands and takes on volume on the palate to echo enticingly on the finish.
9/23/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Decanter	95	L'Ensemble is the selection of the best barrels from across the favoured vineyards where Nicolas-Jay sources grapes, including the estate Bishop Creek. These are not pre-selected, but chosen anew each year. The 2018 selection shows off the ripe, black fruit of the vintage with an appealing savoury, meaty character and a dense, tannic structure on the palate. Yet the sensitive winemaking has preserved freshness and elegance despite the warm, dry growing season to leave a lasting impression. This wine will age magnificently well
9/23/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	Decanter	94	The first estate vineyard in the Nicolas-Jay joint venture is Bishop Creek, located in Yamhill-Carlton AVA and planted on its own roots in 1988 and 1990. Jean-Nicolas Meo and his Oregon winemaker Tracy Kendall have produced a winning result in 2018, with ripe red and black cherry aromas, a hint of spice, and a texture that is lovely, rich, and dense but not heavy. This wine shows well now but will certainly age for at least a decade.
9/11/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Wilfred Wong	94	Medium to deep garnet color; wild olallieberry aroma, attractive, medium bodied, jazzy on the palate, excellent structure; dry, nice acidity, well balanced; zesty berry flavors, some dried earth too, perky, medium intensity; medium finish. COMMENTARY: The 2018 Nicolas Jay Own-Rooted Pinot Noir is bright, alive, and outstanding. TASTING NOTES: This wine shines with aromas and flavors of wild olallieberries and dried earth. Pair it with garlic and rosemary-infused roast leg of lamb
9/11/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	Wilfred Wong	96	Medium garnet color; lively red and blue fruit aroma, excellent and alluring, medium depth, fresh; medium bodied, perky and bright on the palate; dry, nice acidity, well balanced; bright berry flavors, persistent, excellent; medium to long finish, fresh and alive in the aftertaste
9/1/2021	WV P Noir	2018	Suckling	93	The nose offers a sophisticated impression of deep and gently earthy blueberries and cherries with a fresh-herb flush, too. The palate is built around blueberry and red-cherry flavors with a very convincing texture and tannin style that holds depth and focus in the finish. Hold or drink.
9/1/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2017	Suckling	94	This is a beautiful wine with dark berries, mushrooms and pretty ripe berry undertones. Fruit tea as well. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a reserved finish. Light iodine at the end. Drink now or hold.
9/1/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2018	Suckling	94	This is a blend of three vineyards and has a very polished nose of ripe red cherry and spice with assertive oak in play, like modern Burgundy. The texture is exceptional and delivers soft, suave and fine tannins that carry bright red and darker-cherry flavors. Really impressive. Drink or hold.
9/1/2021	Nysa P Noir	2018	Suckling	93	Wild raspberries, violets, dried leaves, gravel, crushed shells and cedar on the nose. It's medium-bodied with sleek tanning and lively acidity. Wonderfully fresh and bright. Tight. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.
9/1/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Suckling	94	Spiced plums, cherries, rose hips, cedar and baking spices on the nose. Dried lemon zest, too. It's medium-bodied with tightly knit tannins. Tight, textured and energetic. Excellent structure, freshness and drive. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.
9/1/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Wine Enthusiast	94	This is a reserve level, select-barrel blend from some of the eight sites the winery works with. Already complex and threaded with a mix of blue and black fruits, savory herbs, citrus and sharply defined barrel toast, it's a wine that may take some years to unpack. Native yeast was used, and one-third was aged in new French oak. Drink through 2033. Cellar Selection.
9/1/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2018	Suckling	94	Complex aromas of cherry stones, blueberries, wild plums, lemon zest, wet earth and spices. It's medium-bodied with tight-grained tannins. Tight and refined. Better in a year or two. Unfiltered. Drink from 2022.
9/1/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Suckling	93	Ripe peach and pear aromas with a pastry-like edge, as well as custard notes. The palate is full-flavored and gently fleshy with an impressive, deep-set ball of lightly spiced fruit and pear custard and pastry to close. Drink now.
9/1/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	Suckling	92	Peaches, spiced pears, grilled lemons and toasted hazelnuts on the nose. It's medium to full bodied with buttery, concentrated layers of stone fruit and spice. Lots of freshness and personality. Hints of yogurt and vanilla bean at the end. Unfiltered. Drink now.
4/26/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Wilfred Wong	93	The 2018 Nicolas Jay L'Ensemble Pinot Noir offers excellent balance and concentration. TASTING NOTES: This wine brings power and style to the fore. Enjoy its aromas and flavors of black fruit, berries, and oak. Deep ruby, garnet color; black fruit aroma, quite rich and attractive; medium bodied, loads of layers on the palate; dry, medium acidity, excellent balance; black fruit flavors, some oak, berries; medium to long finish
4/25/2021	Affinités Chardonnay	2019	Wilfred Wong	93	The 2019 Nicolas-Jay Affinités Chardonnay is stylish, refined, and long. TASTING NOTES: This wine is bright and fresh with aromas and flavors of tart citrus, lime peel, and dried earth. Light straw, green color; tart citrus aroma, lime, attractive, stylish, dried earth, medium depth; medium bodied, excellent tension on the palate; dry, medium acidity, very good balance; dried earth, tangy citrus flavors; medium finish, perky aftertaste.
3/17/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Matthew Jukes	18.5/20	L'Ensemble, as the name suggests, is a blend that proves the theory that the sum of the parts is much greater than the whole. It also nods, rather obviously, to Jay's music roots, making it a rare word that combines wine and music completely. It is drawn from a blend of barrels from Nicolas-Jay's top organic, biodynamic and LIVE-certified sites across its Willamette Valley vineyards: Momtazi, Nysa, Hopewell, Knight's Gambit, Hyland, and Bishop Creek, Nicolas-Jay's estate vineyard. Another debut label and another resounding success, L'Ensemble is, in theory, the best of the best, and yet it doesn't seem showy, forced nor too imposing, preferring to sit back in the glass and it seemed to me to resemble the sort of flavour that one might expect if you dared to blend parcels from up and down the Côte de Nuits – not for a generic Bourgogne Rouge as some might do, but for a dangerously heretical ultra-Premier Cru blend, which I am certain doesn't exist, but which would be good fun to try! I suppose that L'Ensemble gives Jean-Nicolas the freedom to do just this without the Burgundy police ringing his doorbell. I am all for making wines as good as they can possibly be, with no rules attached. In the music world, making a supergroup often ends in failure, but if this Pinot were a band it would be Audioslave. This rather signposts my own tastes in music, and it certainly means that I consider it to be a rare slice of genius. I do not mean to offend Jay, but I do hope that he understands my thought process here, if not my predilection for hard rock. In terms of the flavour, it is a soaring success with perfect-judged François Frères barrels keeping the wonderfully expressive fruit in check. It is certainly the finest red wine made from this label to date. 18.5+/20 (drink now –

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3/17/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Matthew Jukes	19/20	This is the estate's very first white wine and it is utterly thrilling. A micro-production of only 120 cases, it was made from a two-acre section of the Bishop Creek vineyard which was grafted over from Pinot Gris to Chardonnay in 2015 and I wonder whether a PG echo can still be heard in the ever so subtle exoticism in the heart of this wine? Delicate fruit handling is key at Nicolas-Jay and this is evident in the weightlessness of this wine. It is certainly a mouthful because you feel its presence and intensity, and if you were to put in into a Chardonnay scale of Village, Premier and Grand Cru-shaped wines it would sit somewhere in the mid-low range of the Premiers, but in terms of fruit quality and length of flavour, freshness and inquisitiveness, this wine is right up at the top of the ladder. Only 20% new oak was used (i.e. only one barrel was new) and you can feel it, but only in a tight-grained, ultra-blonde manner and this serves to give the heady fruit a fabulous platform on which to perform. The discreet peachiness, gentle honeyed tones and lusty mid-palate are all brought back to order by tremendously refreshing acidity and the whole experience is literally a breath of fresh air. There are few Chardonnays with this flavour silhouette that leave you feeling so satiated and yet also so refreshed. I googled Jay and found out that he is a legendary music executive and I have an embarrassing number of albums and CDs in my collection for which he is responsible. One thing is absolutely certain – this wine is not a one-hit-wonder. 19/20 (drink now – 2025)
3/15/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	The Buyer (UK)		First release of this new, top cuvée. This is a new 'best of the best' barrel selection whose name L'Ensemble hints at a 'more than a sum of its parts' and also a nod to Boberg's music connections. To look at, the wine is medium ruby-purple; the aromatics sit on a tantalising balance between New and Old World – are we in Chambolle-Musigny or the Pacific North West? The nose is complex, ripe and sumptuous with mulberry fruit, ripe red cherry, tree bark and red liquorice; the palate is quite stunning and places you in the finest Côtes des Nuits sites – tight-knit mouthfeel, precise, detailed – a pomegranate tartness keeping the depth of the red and black fruit in check, nuances of vanilla. To its real credit it doesn't feel like a blend of sites – it's got a real harmony, the fruit tightly framed by the acidity which, combined with the chalky tannins, leaves your tongue begging for another mouthful.
3/15/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	The Buyer (UK)		Truly outstanding debut white wine. Blessed with the 2018 vintage that had no heat spikes and allowed the winemakers to carefully choose the optimum harvest time, this is a stunning marriage between an opulent and elegant style, that reeks of class without being a show pony and with an almost perfect balance. Pale straw to look at, the nose is delicate and slightly reticent but slowly draws you into the glass with comice pear, lemon pith and honeysuckle; a lot of detail here. The orchard fruit and lemon zest continues on the palate, with just a touch of toasty oak in the distant background. The mouthfeel is medium weight, rounded with ripe tannins, but fresh with a decent structure and a mineral tingle that persists. My word what a wine.
3/11/2021	L'Ensemble P Noir	2018	Wineanorak	95	A selection of the most expressive barrels from each of the eight vineyards, spanning Dundee Hills, Eola-Amity, McMinville and Yamhill-Carlton. Wild yeast, unfiltered and unfinned, aged 14 months in French oak (a third new). This is fresh, refined and textural with sweet black cherry and berry fruits, some nice acidity and appropriate tannic structure. It's harmonious and silky, but also has nice brightness and a bit of grip, suggesting this could age in interesting ways. It has an Oregon stamp, but also an old world sensibility and refinement. I love the core of fresh, fluid, silky black cherry fruit, which never veers off into overripeness.
3/11/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Wineanorak	94	Marine sedimentary soils at altitude: this comes from the top part of the estate Bishop Creek vineyard, planted in 1990, and organically farmed since 2014. This sees 20% new oak and is the first white from Nicolas Jay. This is fresh and finely wrought with fine meal and toast notes alongside rounded lemon and white peach fruit. There's a subtle saline streak under the fruit that's really appealing, as well as some grainy, spicy character. Lovely detail and precision. There's some richness here, but it's moderated by the salinity and the fresh lemony character: it's a really mineral expression of Chardonnay. Very, very fine: it's a subtle wine that repays questioning. Sit with it for a while and it will surprise you.
1/20/2021	Own-Rooted P Noir	2017	Wine Spectator	93	Svelte and refined, with a lively beam of acidity and mineral tannins wrapped in elegantly layered raspberry and blueberry flavors laced with clove and spice. Drink now through 2028
1/20/2021	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Wine Spectator	93	Steely yet rich and plush, with detailed apple and lime flavors that are accented by crushed stone and linger on the crisp, vibrant finish.
1/6/2021	WV P Noir	2017	Wine Spectator	93	A lovely wine, elegantly complex and expressive, with raspberry and rose petal aromas accented by a hint of cardamom. Builds tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2029
1/6/2021	Momtazi P Noir	2017	Wine Spectator	93	A wine that unfurls slowly, with a simmering backbone of tannin and acidity that highlights elegant rose petal, raspberry and crushed rock accents. Cellar for now. Best from 2022 through 2030.
1/6/2021	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	Wine Spectator	93	Refined and keenly focused, with distinctive cherry and guava flavors that are laced with rose petal and savory spice accents, picking up tension and polish toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2027
12/16/2020	Nysa P Noir	2017	Wine Spectator	94	Impeccably structured and refined, with a complex seductive beam of black raspberry, orange-tinged tea and cardamon that build richness and intensity toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2028.
11/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Wine Enthusiast	92	A continuing exploration of French winemaking technique applied to Oregon terroir, the latest releases from Nicolas-Jay show a savvy complexity that rewards your focused attention. Here the strawberry fruit is accented with avors of composted earth, coffee grounds and cocoa powder, all wellintegrated and proportionate. The wine is supremely tasty right from the start, and should continue to provide pleasure during the course of this decade.
11/1/2020	Nysa P Noir	2017	International Wine Report	94	The 2017 Nysa vineyard Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay spends 12 months in 50% new French oak and comes from own-rooted vines. One of the estate's more robust wines, the nose explodes with aromatics of ripe red raspberries, red currants and baked cherry pie with a cinnamon-vanilla crust. I could literally sit and enjoy the nose on this wine all day long. The palate is a treat in your mouth, with focused red berry, ripe peach and candied cherry flavors. The tannins, alcohol and fruit are in perfect balance allowing this wine to age for another decade. Only 94 cases made.
11/1/2020	Momtazi P Noir	2017	Wine Enthusiast	93	Many wineries purchase and feature Momtazi grapes, but this wine, more than most, captures their essential character. It's concentrated yet restrained, showcasing the "earth-driven characteristics" cited on the back label. Brambly berries, sweet hints of tomato, citrus avors in abundance and a pleasant hint of fresh greens complete a supple and impressive wine with ample length and detail

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11/1/2020	Momtazi P Noir	2017	International Wine Report	94	The 2017 Momtazi Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay spends 12 months in 50% new French oak. The vines sit on volcanic and marine sedimentary soils giving the wine strong minerality and sense of place. Higher elevation, cool evenings, and strong wind all help to form a rich and silky wine. The nose bursts with macerated blackberries and ripe red cherries. Flavors of concentrated dark red fruits melt into luscious baking spices, while the lingering acid keeps the palate juicy. Violet notes dance throughout while the tannins slowly build for a long and lively finish.
11/1/2020	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	Wine Enthusiast	93	Bishop Creek is the estate vineyard, now two decades old and coming into its prime. This is a wine to stash and savor down the road a bit. Currently it's tight and firm, lightly herbal, detailed and impeccably balanced with a mix of wild berries, citrus and soil. Drink 2022 through the rest of the decade and perhaps beyond.
11/1/2020	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	International Wine Report	96	The stunning 2017 Bishop Creek vineyard, Pinot Noir from Nicolas-Jay is a gem of a wine. Fresh blueberries, red currants, toasted hazelnuts and dried thyme explode from the gorgeous ruby core. The nose is so perfectly poised that I spent 15 minutes enjoying it unfolding in the glass before I could dare take a sip. The mouthfeel is full-bodied and sits in your mouth as if you are walking a tightrope, but staying perfectly balanced throughout. Flavors of ripe marionberries, huckleberries, dried mushroom, and a bit of smoked earth coat your palate to a long, textured finish. This wine is serious - seriously delicious. Only 270 cases made. TOP 100 - #1 highest scored Oregon Pinot Noir, #2 highest scored Domestic Pinot Noir
11/1/2020	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	International Wine Report	94	This racy but elegant Chardonnay from Nicolas-Jay's Bishop Creek vineyard opens with aromas of ripe peach, tropical pineapple, sage and lightly charred oak. The front pallet hits you with a mouthwatering but rich acidity and flavors of fresh nectarine, lemon peel and roasted hazelnuts. The wine contains 20% new French oak and is reminiscent of a beautiful French Meursault, which coincides with their Burgundian style of wine making. This wine has what it takes to age beautifully for 10 years or more. Only 120 cases made.
11/1/2020	Affinités Chardonnay	2018	Wine Enthusiast	92	Luscious, beautifully balanced fruit avors blend citrus, apple and lemon curd, along with a light suggestion of greens. As the first Chardonnay release from the winery, it is complete, refreshing and elegant. Editors' Choice
11/1/2020	Affinités Chardonnay	2018	International Wine Report	92	The newest of the Nicolas-Jay family, 2018 Affinites Chardonnay, brings refreshing and approachable aromas of pear, citrus, and a trace of dried herbs. On the palate, high acidity erupts in your mouth with flavors of fresh cut green apple, d'anjou pears, and shortbread lemon tart. The wine elegantly finished with subtle hints of white peach. This is an attractive and well balanced first vintage. 100% neutral oak - 120 cases made
9/1/2020	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Wine & Spirits	93	An older planting of mostly pinot noir in the rain shadow of the Coast Range, Bishop Creek has 2.5 acres of chardonnay, farmed organically, on sedimentary soils. It's a generous wine, with high-toned lemon-lime scents deepening with air to something more wheaty and substantial, like pineapple. But the flavors remain tart and lively, with a kind of bakedlime rim of flavor suggesting richness and raciness at once. Energetic and lively, this is built to age.
8/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Vinous	93	Deep, glistening red. Sexy, assertively perfumed aromas of fresh red fruits, potpourri and baking spices, with a hint of cola in the background. Juicy and focused on the palate, Jay's 2017 Pinot Noir offers vibrant raspberry, bitter cherry, blood orange and rose pastille flavors and a late jolt of spicy white pepper. Made in a fresh, exuberant style, with silky tannins sneaking in slowly to add shape and grip to the impressively long, spice-accented finish. Aged in 30% new oak.
8/1/2020	Own-Rooted P Noir	2017	Vinous	94	Deep magenta. Expansive red and blue fruit, floral and spice scents are underscored by emerging mineral and succulent herb flourishes. Firm and focused in the mouth, offering bitter cherry, boysenberry, candied rose and cola flavors that unfurl steadily through the midpalate. Shows good depth and energy as well, finishing very long and gently chewy, with fine-grained tannins adding framework and final grip. 50% new oak.
8/1/2020	Nysa P Noir	2017	Vinous	95	Bright ruby. Highly perfumed, smoke- and spice-accented red berry liqueur, licorice and floral pastille scents show excellent definition and pick up an exotic spice nuance as the wine opens up. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering deep raspberry, cherry cola, candied rose and spicecake flavors that show silky texture and vibrant mineral lift. Weighty yet energetic in style, finishing smooth and very long, with well-judged tannins and resonating florality. 50% new oak
8/1/2020	Momtazi P Noir	2017	Vinous	94	Vivid ruby-red. Powerful black raspberry, cherry and floral scents are complemented by hints of incense and dusty minerals. Fleshy and concentrated but animated as well, offering juicy, sharply focused red and dark fruit and spicecake flavors that firm up with air, all sharpened by a spicy jolt of spiciness. Finishes smoky, chewy and impressively long, with resonating spice and floral notes, building tannins and subtle sweetness. 50% new oak
8/1/2020	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	Vinous	95	Shimmering ruby-red. Heady, spice- and mineral-accented cherry and blue fruit liqueur aromas take on incense and floral accents with air. Juicy, seamless and concentrated, offering densely packed black raspberry, boysenberry and cherry liqueur flavors that show sharp delineation and smoky back-end thrust. Finishes extremely long and lively, with resonating blue fruit, mineral and floral notes and polished tannins that make a late appearance. 50% new oak
8/1/2020	Bishop Creek Chardonnay	2018	Decanter	92	A superb example of the whites from this project. The vines at the top of this slope on Bishop Creek Estate were only recently budded over from Pinot Gris to Chardonnay, but the results are marvelous. With a luxurious ripe-apple fruit and a leesy hit of spice. Rewarding freshness and length on the palate - its a wine that will age. 10 NAMES TO KNOW.
8/1/2020	Affinités Chardonnay	2018	L.M. Archer		Grace Kelly in a glass...The French have a term for a wine so delicious you want to keep it for your personal use: 'PMG' ('pour mon geuele' or 'for my guzzle'.) Meet my new PMG: Sourced primarily from the winery's organic vineyard Bishop Creek in Yamhill-Carlton AVA, this wine combines the subtlety and structure of a graceful Burgundy, with the freshness and individuality of Oregon..."
6/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Wilfred Wong	92	Medium ruby color; bright red fruit and mineral notes in the aroma, lively, medium depth, excellent persistence; medium bodied, layered and textured on the palate; dry, medium acidity, very good balance; bright fruit and savory spices in the flavors, medium intensity; medium finish.
6/1/2020	Own-Rooted P Noir	2017	Wilfred Wong	94	Medium ruby, garnet color; black fruit aromas, quite rich, attractive, serious; medium bodied, layered and slightly elevated on the palate; dry, medium acidity; well balanced; bright red and black fruit flavors; medium to long finish.
6/1/2020	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	Wilfred Wong	93	Medium ruby, garnet color; ripe red and blue fruit aromas, excellent depth and brightness; medium bodied, racy on the palate, fine energy; dry, nice acidity, well balanced; frisky red fruit flavors, light spice note; lively aftertaste.

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6/1/2020	Affinités Chardonnay	2018	Wilfred Wong	92	Medium straw; light yellow color; savory spice, ripe fruit aroma, fine richness, excellent; medium bodied, nice acidity, well balanced; dry, fine acidity; well balanced; ripe peach skin; dried earth; persistent flavors; fine aftertaste
4/10/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Burghound	90	This is sufficiently reduced to blur the nuance of the nose though the underlying red berry fruit is clearly ripe. There is both good volume and verve to the delicious medium-bodied flavors that possess a caressing and rounded mouthfeel, all wrapped in a nicely complex and sneaky long finish. This is very forward, indeed it could easily be enjoyed now.
4/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	International Wine Report	93	The 2017 Nicolas-Jay Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a gorgeous release from this Willamette Valley winery. Aged in largely neutral oak, the nose evokes some wonderful freshness with bright red fruits that mingle with citrus zest and wet stone tones that mingle in the glass. The silky texture entices as ripe strawberry and guava flavors enter the fray, mixing with shades of Mandarin orange zest and earthy undertones that shine brightly on the palate. This is seriously good now and will only improve with cellaring.
4/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Apstein on Wine	93	There's a winsome Burgundian sensibility to their 2017, which combines lacy red fruit notes with savory ones. It has the hallmark of what I call "flavor without weight," which makes Pinot Noir, especially this one, such an alluring wine. The tannins are very fine, lending support without harshness. A hint of sweetness in the finish reveals its New World origins. It would be a perfect choice for the Thanksgiving table.
2/1/2020	WV P Noir	2017	Decanter	93	High-toned and damp, this wine displays aromas of wet earth, Earl Grey tea and cocoa nibs, followed by flavours of pomegranate and red plum skin. It's classic Oregon Pinot Noir, and one can see the Méo-Camuzet influence, albeit with a softer generosity. The blend is based around Bishop Creek Vineyard, with smaller portions of other sites including Hyland, Knight's Gambit and Hopewell.
2/1/2020	Own-Rooted P Noir	2017	Decanter	94	A blend of entirely non-grafted vineyard sites, this own-rooted blend takes the purity of forest, citrus and red fruit notes found in the other wines to another level. It feels like a lid came off that you didn't know was on in the first place. It's seductive, enticing and three-dimensional, with notes of root beer, clove and struck match.
2/1/2020	Nysa P Noir	2016	Decanter	93	Perfumed, fine and elegant, Nysa exudes aromas of cherry blossom and rose water. The texture is deft and its complexity sneaks up on you, with notes of nectarine skin and tangerine appearing long after the wine has left your palate. The majority of the Nysa Vineyard was planted in 1990 to own-rooted Pommard clones. 80 cases produced.
2/1/2020	Momtazi P Noir	2016	Decanter	93	Momtazi is the most savoury and structured Pinot in the Nicolas-Jay portfolio. It displays aromas of conifer and rose petals, as well as a meaty note reminiscent of porchetta. The palate is edgy and firm, with a long, focused and nuanced finish that slowly builds in intensity. This went from being initially reticent to beautifully expressive quite rapidly. 80 cases produced.
2/1/2020	Bishop Creek P Noir	2016	Decanter	94	100 cases were made of the 2016 Bishop Creek Pinot Noir, from Domaine Nicolas-Jay's estate vineyard. Poised and patient at first, aromas are driven by red and citrus fruits with a subtle woody quality in the background. The palate is silky and focused, with an elastic texture not unlike a bungee cord, snapping into an explosive and multi-faceted finish. A kingpin of the Nicolas-Jay lineup.
10/1/2019	WV P Noir	2016	Wine Enthusiast	92	Young and a bit chewy, this brings a nicely-layered mix of orange peel, almond paste, black cherry, sassafras and cola, all in good proportion. Those well-integrated components are further highlighted with a streak of iron ore and graphite. The complexity is already impressive, and seems sure to improve with age.
9/1/2019	WV P Noir	2016	Suckling	93	Really lovely cherries and brambly raspberries, graphite and red flowers on the nose, leading to a rich and dark, deep, plush and spicy palate that has a very pure core of satiny, silky fruit flavor.
8/1/2019	WV P Noir	2016	Wine Spectator	94	Precise, deeply structured yet graceful, with expressive black cherry, river stone and black tea accents that build richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2024.
7/1/2019	WV P Noir	2016	Wilfred Wong	95	Some wines steal your heart, and the first vintage of Nicolas Jay—the stunning 2014 vintage brought me to my knees, begging for more. The 2016 vintage (just like the outstanding 2015 vintage) makes a powerful statement on how extraordinary the Willamette Valley can be. TASTING NOTES: This wine stands on its pedestal as one of the most impressive Pinot Noirs in the world. Enjoy its outstanding aromas and flavors of red and black fruits, savory spices and chalk, and enticing earth and stones.
7/1/2019	Nysa P Noir	2017	Suckling	93	"dark-cherry aromas sit amid dried wood, spices and bracken with a layer of leaves and earth here, too. The palate has quite a plush and smoothly succulent feel with an elegant, long and lithe, dark-cherry core that finishes impressively focused and fresh."
7/1/2019	Momtazi P Noir	2017	Suckling	95	"a very impressive pinot that has a spirited, lively style with abundantly fresh and fleshy red cherries, as well as dark peaches and nectarines."
7/1/2019	Bishop Creek P Noir	2017	Suckling	93	"Very attractive aromas of violet flowers and blueberries sit in a fresh array of earth and spice complexity. The palate has a sleek and fluid build with a very polished core of fresh, fine tannin."
2/19/2019	WV P Noir	2016	Vinous	92	Brilliant red, highly perfumed, spice-accented aromas of dark berries and cherry pit, with violet, musky rhubarb and woodsmoke flourishes building in the glass. Offers bitter cherry black raspberry, floral pastille and spicecake flavors that show very good concentration. A snap of juicy acidity provides back-end lift. The cherry and floral notes build steadily through a very long, penetrating finish that's supported by chewy, slow-mounting flavors.
2/19/2019	Nysa P Noir	2016	Vinous	94	Deep shimmering red. Powerful, mineral and spice-accented red fruits and candied flowers on the expansive nose. Palate-staining raspberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors pick up a hint of vanilla and turn sweeter with aeration. Shows impressive clarity and spicy thrust on a very long, red-fruit driven finish framed by fine-grained, harmonious tannins.
2/19/2019	Momtazi P Noir	2016	Vinous	93	Vivid red, pungent cherry, black raspberry, floral and underbrush aromas are energized by vibrant mineral and exotic spice notes that build in the glass. Palate-staining, gently sweet cherry cola, dark berry and spicecake flavors. Show impressive depth as well as vivacity. Licorice and bitter chocolate notes emerge on an impressively long, penetrating finish shaped by dusty, steadily building tannins.

Date	Wine	Vintage	Periodical	Score	Notes
2/19/2019	Bishop Creek P Noir	2016	Vinous	93	Bright red, pungent, floral and spice accented aromas of dark berries, cola and incense, lifted by a smoky mineral quality. Sappy, focused and subtly sweet, offering palate-staining, well-concentrated black raspberry, cherry cola and violet partille flavors and an exotic touch of Moroccan spices. The Floral smoke notes come back strong on the mineral-driven finish, which clings with excellent tenativity and gentle tannic grip.
6/1/2018	WV P Noir	2015	Jancis Robinson	17/20	Combines only-just-ripe cranberry fruit with glossy oak scent and lots of violet aromas too. Black cherry on the palate – big fruit intensity, but not at the expense of aromatic complexity. Lots of ageing potential. 17+/20 points.
12/1/2017	WV P Noir	2015	Suckling	94	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
12/1/2017	WV P Noir	2015	Decanter	90	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.
10/1/2017	WV P Noir	2015	Wine Enthusiast	93	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.
10/1/2017	WV P Noir	2015	Wine Spectator	91	A lovely wine, elegantly complex and expressive, with raspberry and rose petal aromas accented by a hint of cardamom. Builds tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2029
3/1/2017	Bishop Creek P Noir	2015	Wilfred Wong	94	Sophisticated, urbane, and pure, the 2015 Nicolas-Jay Pinot Noir expresses Willamette Valley authenticity. The wine exhibits red to blue fruits, with a streak of minerality. Its refined palate pairs it well with seared wild salmon.
3/1/2017	Bishop Creek P Noir	2015	Wine Enthusiast	93	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.
12/1/2016	WV P Noir	2014	Wine Enthusiast	94	*Editors' Choice* A stunning debut for this new boutique, a joint project between Jean-Nicolas Méo (Domaine Méo-Camuzet) and Jay Boberg, co-founder of the music label, IRS Records. Deep and penetrating fruit flavors of blackberry and raspberry are buttressed by ample, proportionate acids and tannins. There's a graceful touch of fresh herb, along with black tea and clean loam.
11/1/2016	WV P Noir	2014	Vinous	92	Deep bright red. A complex, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red fruits, cola, Asian spices and rhubarb, plus a suave floral topnote. Juicy and focused on entry, then broader in the midpalate, offering appealingly sweet, supple red and dark berry and spicecake flavors and suggestions of candied flowers and mocha. Finishes sappy and very long, displaying repeating spiciness and smooth, slow-building tannins. This is quite an impressive wine for a "basic" bottling, much less a freshman effort.
7/1/2016	Bishop Creek P Noir	2014	Wine Spectator	93	Broad, expressive and light-footed, this brims with cherry, plum, licorice and cashew flavors that keep singing on the focused finish. Drink now through 2024. Top 100 #96
4/1/2016	Bishop Creek P Noir	2014	Wilfred Wong	95	One of the world's finest Pinot Noirs, this wine stands tall on the global stage! Exquisite and well-orchestrated, this is an amazing wine. When I first sniffed this wine, I was struck by its incredible purity. The vineyards and the Willamette Valley AVA spoke to me with brilliant and focused clarity and had me asking for more. Deep garnet in color, the nose offered enticing red and black fruit, with a distinct dried, savory herb note, black earth or black tea notes, and a definite wildness about it. Medium bodied on the palate, sweet tannins are present to protect the wine as it ages. Medium acidity, well balanced; beautifully choreographed flavors of red to black fruits, a dash of dried earth and savory herbs, a spice box of natural pleasures; medium finish, youthful aftertaste.
4/1/2016	Bishop Creek P Noir	2014	Wine Enthusiast	94	A stunning debut for this new boutique, a joint project between Jean-Nicolas Méo (Domaine Méo-Camuzet) and Jay Boberg, co-founder of the music label, IRS Records. Deep and penetrating fruit flavors of blackberry and raspberry are buttressed by ample, proportionate acids and tannins. There's a graceful touch of fresh herb, along with black tea and clean loam. Editors' Choice.
3/1/2016	WV P Noir	2014	Wine Spectator	93	#96 in Wine Spectator's Top 100 of 2016* Broad, expressive and light-footed, this brims with cherry, plum, licorice and cashew flavors that keep singing on the focused finish. Drink now through 2024.