



# Chronologique de la Marque



Domaine Camuzet purchases land in Vosne Romanée Richebourg Grand Cru and Nuits-St-Georges Aux Boudots 1er Cru

**1892**



Legendary Vigneron Henri Mayer plants Cros Parantoux vineyard in Vosne-Romanée, the legacy of the vineyard begins

**1953**



Jay Boberg signs R.E.M

**1982**



Jean-Nicolas and Jay agree on a partnership to make top-quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the Willamette Valley

**2012**



The Nicolas-Jay Estate marks a critical milestone with the bottling of its 10th vintage (2014-2023)

**2025**

**1867**

Jean-Nicolas' great-great uncle, Étienne Camuzet, is born – who would advance the Domaine's land holding for decades to come



**1920**

Étienne Camuzet purchases Château Clos de Vougeot and adjacent vineyards



**1978**

Jay Boberg co-founds I.R.S. Records in Los Angeles, CA



**1984**

Jean-Nicolas Méo is bequeathed the Domaine and its land holdings



**2021**

The Nicolas-Jay Estate Tasting Room in the Dundee Hills, focusing on high-touch and educational wine experiences, formally opens



## VOSNE-ROMANÉE, CÔTE DE NUITS

Méo-Camuzet has been a prominent Burgundian winemaking family for 400 years, owning some of the best terroirs in the heart of the Côte d'Or. With more than thirty years of practice gained on the job, Jean-Nicolas Méo has developed his own style derived from his trainings with Henri Jayer. With a deep understanding of viticulture and winemaking achieved naturally, Jean-Nicolas harnesses mastery and precision in handling the prestigious plots left by his family and those developed on his own. Wines of exquisite texture, persistence and density that precisely represent the terroir in which they come from. It is then no surprise that Méo-Camuzet has reached such a lofty status amongst the company of an elite few.



### Family History

The Méo family have devoted themselves to growing vines and making wine for more than four centuries. From the 19th century forward, the Méo children chose academics and theory as their chosen paths. For example, The great-grandfather of Jean-Nicolas was a primary-school teacher, his grandfather graduated from the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (civil engineering) and his father, Jean Méo, was a graduate of the École Polytechnique and an engineer in the Corps des Mines. Jean was later elected a Member of the European Parliament and sat on the Council of Paris. Jean Méo's mother, Marcelle Lamarche-Confuron, originating from an old winegrowing family in Vosne (with already a small activity as négociants), that the Méo's came to reside in Vosne-Romanée. Jean Méo's grandmother was the first cousin of Étienne Camuzet (1867-1946) who was a winegrower in Vosne-Romanée, mayor of the village and also an MP for Côte d'Or from 1903 to 1932. In 1920, he had the opportunity to purchase the Château du Clos de Vougeot and a large portion of the vineyard, but instead of living there, he arranged for his tenant farmers to take it as a residence. In November 1944 he sold the Château. Not surprisingly, the château had suffered during the war and elected to pass it on to the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin. Following the death of Étienne Camuzet, his daughter, Maria Noiro, inherited the estate from her father and retained the tenant farmers. She had no children, however, and when she died, in 1959, she bequeathed the estate to her nephew, Jean Méo. Throughout that period, he relied on four tenant farmers, including the great winegrower, Henri Jayer, who was one of the first to control temperatures systematically during vinification, always bringing out the freshness and the fruit, thus making the nose and the texture of the wine more attractive. Jean Méo was to manage the estate from 1959 to 1984, after which he called upon his son, Jean-Nicolas, to oversee the Domaine's operations. In 1981, the Camuzet estate became Domaine Méo-Camuzet, and shortly thereafter the domaine would dramatically change course away from tenant farmers and into bottling small-production wines with cult-level interest from collectors and wine writers across the globe.

### Land Holdings

- Hautes Côte de Nuits Blanc Clos St. Philibert Monopole (9 acres)
- Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Boudots (2.5 acres)
- Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Murgers (1.3 acres)
- Nuits-Saint-Georges (1.5 acres)
- Vosne-Romanée (3.5 acres)
- Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Les Chaumes (5 acres)
- Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Cros Parantoux (.75 acres)
- Vosne-Romanée Aux Brulées 1er Cru (1.8 acres)
- Richebourg Grand Cru (.84)
- Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru (7.5 acres)
- Corton Clos Rognet Grand Cru (1.2 acres)
- Corton Les Perrières Grand Cru (1.5 acres)
- Corton La Vigne au Saint Grand Cru (.5 acres)
- Échezeaux Grand Cru (1.8 acres)
- Saint-Romain (1.2 acres)
- Saint-Aubin (.9 acres)
- Pommard (1 acre)









# *Domaine Méo-Camuzet*

*Vosne-Romanée, Côte de Nuits*









*Domaine Mio-Camuzet*





## RICHEBOURG, GRAND CRU (Domain)

Richebourg is a king of a wine: the Colonnade of the Louvre, the Château of Versailles. You are impressed by its finesse, its length and its delicate sensations, endlessly changing. The fact that no element dominates the others enables you to appreciate all of its aromas, on the nose and on the palate. Force and subtlety in one wine. The estate possesses about three quarters of an acre in "les Verroilles" plus a tenth of an acre in "les Richebourg", just below "Cros Parantoux". The vines are oriented principally towards the east, and they are characterized by being planted in rows running north-south - a protection during hot years.



### Technical Information

**Farming:** Organic  
**Fermentation:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Aging:** 20 mo. 75% new French  
**Filtration/Fining:** None  
**Production:** +/- 500 bottles

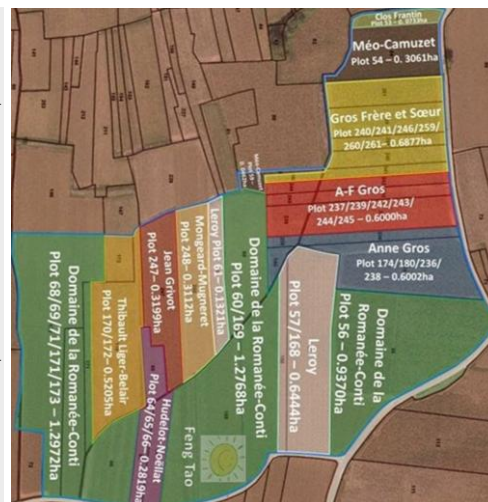
### The Vineyard

The prize wine of Méo-Camuzet must certainly be the Richebourg. The greatness of Richebourg is best viewed at peak aging. You can often find unique, fresh floral aromas and subtle layers of youth in a bottling some 15-years old. And like the name of this climat implies ("riche", meaning "richness and abundance" in French), it's arguably the terroir that gives the richest and fullest wines in the entire region of the Vosne-Romanée village. But patience is a virtue, it takes the wines at least ten years to begin showing their extraordinary charm, whether it's a great vintage or not, and almost all the Richebourg wines are able to age for at least twenty years. Méo-Camuzet has been long associated with this historical site dating back to the 1880's. Henri Jayer had begun tending the Méo family's vineyards shortly after the end of WWII. He replanted the blocks in the 1950s, and gradually bottled small amounts of Richebourg in his own name between 1959 and 1976. The 1978 vintage is the first in which Jayer bottles the entire production, a wine that would become his most famous. Relative to his last vintages, the 1985 and 1986 wines were lightly filtered prior to bottling, while 1988 was not. It was this 1988 vintage that revealed the heights that Henri could attain and establish a center point for Jean-Nicolas's innovative style. Jayer's lease on the Richebourg vineyard would expire in 1987, thereby handing the future of the plants to Domaine Méo-Camuzet, where Jean-Nicolas would take Richebourg to new heights.

### WINE SPECTATOR

#### 97 | Méo-Camuzet Richebourg 2017

A taut, defined version, featuring cherry, raspberry, sandalwood, vanilla and green olive aromas and flavors. This is compact and dense, with a lingering aftertaste of sandalwood and oak spice. The complexity and length indicate future potential. Best from 2022 through 2036. 12 cases imported.





## MÉO-CAMUZET FRÈRE & SOEURS

It's very difficult to expand in Burgundy, land is scarce and very expensive, so Jean-Nicolas arranged a négoce company in the early 2000s that would allow him to explore and innovate without competing with the domaine. "Méo-Camuzet frère et soeurs" would symbolize the family partnership and the range was to be oriented towards more accessible wines while allowing the domaine to pursue the prestigious climats it was well known for. The principle is to buy the grapes, to ensure a unity of methods, and therefore style with the estate's wines, right from the harvest. It also favors long-term relationships with suppliers, to gain experience of each climat in hopes of creating a successful négociant business that top growers would admire. Méo-Camuzet Frères et Soeurs is a brand designed with purpose; beautiful wines that are more accessible.



### Technical Information

**Farming:** Organic  
**Fermentation:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Aging:** 15 mo. 50% new French  
**Filtration / Fining:** None  
**Production:** +/-1,200 bottles

### Négociant

- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- Chambolle-Musigny
- Chambolle-Musigny Les Cras 1er Cru
- Chambolle-Musigny Les Feusselottes 1er Cru
- Fixin
- Fixin Clos du Chapitre 1er Cru
- Morey-Saint-Denis
- Ladoix
- Gevrey-Chambertin
- Saint-Aubin
- Vosne-Romanée Les Beaux Mont 1er Cru
- Marsannay
- Meursault
- Nuits-Saint-Georges Aux Argillat 1er Cru
- Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Perrières

### WINE SPECTATOR

#### 96 | Méo-Camuzet Frère & Soeurs Nuits-Saint-Georges Les Perrières 2016

Juicy black cherry and blackberry fruit takes on darker tones of iron, meat, black pepper and spice in this muscular red, which is balanced in an oversize way, with hints of mint and violet shining through as this fans out on the kaleidoscopic finish. Best from 2023 through 2042. 1,215 cases made, 120 cases imported.





## A Life in Music and Wine

In 1974, when Jay Boberg was 16, he saw The Who on their *Quadrophenia* tour. "It was a life-changing experience for me," recalls Boberg, who was studying classical guitar at the time. That concert, in many ways, set Boberg on a path toward rock-and-roll glory.

Music fans will recognize the roster of bands that Boberg, as co-founder of I.R.S. Records, helped establish in the late 1970s and early 1980s: the Police, R.E.M., the Go-Go's, English Beat and the Bangles. Later, as president of MCA Records, he was instrumental in the careers of Mary J. Blige, Alanis Morissette, Blink-182 and Sublime in the 1990s. But Oregon Pinot Noirs lovers will know Boberg from Nicolas-Jay, his Willamette Valley partnership with winemaker Jean-Nicolas Méo of Burgundy's Domaine Méo-Camuzet.

Boberg was at UCLA when he discovered wine through a roommate who worked for a local distributor; a later trip to Napa Valley sealed the deal. He staged wine tastings for friends in the music business while at I.R.S., and even owned a Napa Cabernet vineyard for a time. Boberg and Méo met at a dinner party in 1988 while Méo was studying abroad in the United States. The two connected over their similar attitudes about music, life, and of course wine, particularly Burgundy.

By 2011, the friends were ready to start a winery together and decided that Willamette Valley was the spot. The first task was finding the right vineyard. Over the next few years, the partners visited dozens of wineries and tasted wines from more than 200 vineyards. It was particularly fascinating, Boberg says, to compare the same vineyard interpreted by different winemakers.

Finally in 2014, they settled on Bishop Creek, a 13.5-acre vineyard in Yamhill-Carlton. The vines are about 30 years old and are planted on their own roots, not rootstock, on steep and rolling hillsides. That's unusual. The 2014 was the first commercial bottling of Nicolas-Jay, a Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, a blend, not a single-vineyard wine. "We're trying to find the absolute, ultimate expression of Willamette Valley Pinot," Boberg told me in 2019.

The initial vintages were made at Adelsheim and Sokol-Blosser wineries, until the partners bought and renovated an old cattle barn in the Dundee Hills and opened a winery and tasting room earlier this year. Boberg lives nearly half the year in Oregon, and



*Music fans will know Jay Boberg as the co-founder of I.R.S. Records. In wine, he's the co-founder of Nicolas-Jay.*

while he defers the detailed winemaking decisions to Méo and his Oregon-based assistant, Tracy Kendall, Boberg is on hand for many tasks: taking grape samples in the vineyard, hauling fruit to the winery, doing punch-downs and offering his opinion during blending trials.

I sat down with Boberg recently to taste (non-blind) the winery's new 2018 wines and we talked about how Nicolas-Jay is moving away from its original Willamette Valley focus to concentrate on single-vineyard bottlings. The 2018 Nysa Dundee Hills Pinot Noir and the 2018 Bishop Creek Yamhill-Carlton were impressive for their polish and handsome structure, and should continue to bloom in the cellar. New to the portfolio in 2018 is L'Ensemble Pinot Noir, which represents the best barrels from the Willamette Valley blend; it offers exceptional depth and vibrancy.

While Boberg is not involved in the music business these days, it remains close to his identity. As we tasted, a playlist of 1980s alt-rock played in the background. He has more than 3,500

albums in a collection at his Santa Monica home. Despite his accomplishments in the music business, Boberg is reluctant to tell many tales of the day, preferring to talk about wine, and yet I pulled a few good stories out of him.

"I signed R.E.M. at the very beginning," he recalls, "and I was their partner and lead advocate for the first six albums." Alt-rock fans know R.E.M. discs such as *Reckoning* and *Life's Rich Pageant*, which were staples on college radio in the 1980s. Boberg was still in college when he started promoting concerts in Los Angeles. He booked the Talking Heads first L.A. concert and Peter Dinklage's first solo tour. While promoting the Police's first United States tour in 1978, he connected with the band's manager, Miles Copeland III, and together they launched I.R.S.

Still friends with members of R.E.M. and the Police, Boberg tells a classic story about Sting. During a tour of Australia with the Police and opening act the Go-Go's in the early 1980s, Sting came down to breakfast one morning with a boom box and played Boberg a demo of "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic," which he had written the night before. Now that's a memory that rivals seeing The Who in 1974!

*Senior editor Tim Fish has been with Wine Spectator since 2001.*





## ORIGIN: WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Nicolas-Jay Estate is the story of a three-decade friendship between famed Burgundian Winemaker Jean-Nicolas Méo and music entrepreneur Jay Boberg. A former vineyard owner and grower in the Napa Valley, Jay delivers a unique passion and discipline for quality control, estate management and grower relations. An important and esteemed music industry icon, Jay now couples a business acumen with a natural congeniality that is pivotal to the estates success.

After 30+ years of Winemaking in Burgundy, and a desire to further challenge himself, Jean-Nicolas was elated to innovate once again. This time in the Willamette Valley. In the early 2000's he explored the Côte d'Or and created "Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs" négoce label. The Nicolas-Jay Estate would allow him to discover what possibilities exist in the new world first-hand. Applying his viticulture and winemaking gifts to create a range of wines that would be far more obtainable than the Domaine's, but every bit as world-class.



Cofounders Jay Boberg, Jean-Nicolas



***L'Ensemble***  
Nicolas-Jay Estates' most celebrated wine each vintage



***Affinités***  
The essence of Chardonnay in the Willamette Valley

### *Winemaking Principle*

Be relentless in producing small quantities of age worthy and collectible wines by farming only the highest quality vineyards | Be unwavering in the commitment to low-intervention, holistic and sustainable farming practices | Production levels will be managed to meet a quality expectation, not to meet a demand | Be ardent stewards of terroir purity and vintage expression and bottle authentic wines with fine-grained tannins and complex textures | Produce wines of persistence and balance, with naturally high microbiome counts that bear weight, but without heaviness | Accept that this product range will experience varying degrees of scarcity in availability



## OUR TEAM



JEAN-NICOLAS MÉO  
*COFOUNDER AND WINEMAKER*

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JAY BOBERG  
*COFOUNDER*

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*Wine Club & Consumer Sales Manager*



## WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

*"Locating the finest vineyards in the Willamette Valley has been paramount, but how we approach these vineyards and handle the fruit is equally as important as the grapes themselves. Our goal is always to capture that brief moment when the vineyard is in perfect balance, so when you open that bottle you're swept away to that place. You can experience the character of the vintage with all of your senses." Jean-Nicolas Méo*

**Harvest can only begin** when acid and sugar are in perfect balance. We will not compromise natural acidity levels for ripeness, to create wines of balance and persistence we must pick when the grapes have a brightness in their flavor and persistence in their texture

### PINOT NOIR

- Green thinning to establish lower cluster counts per vine
- Gentle picks and vigorous sorting to remove MOG and under/over ripe berries
- Utilize small 1/8-ton cherry bins, one cluster on top of another
- 12-person winery sorting table to review fruit quality
- 100% destemming
- Slow, steady press cycles at low pressures for pure fruit and a silky mouthfeel
- Extended cold maceration/soaks to establish texture freshness
- Native yeast fermentations
- 40+ small fermentation vessels to micro-ferment by block
- Gentle aeration and extraction
- Pumpover while the berries are intact to accentuate weight, body and flavor and reduce the influence of seed and skin tannins
- If necessary, punchdowns are executed at dryness to round out tannin structures
- Bottled unfined, unfiltered and vegan



### CHARDONNAY



- Each vineyard block is picked at optimal sugar and acid ripeness to ensure freshness, vibrancy and balance of flavor
- Extremely gentle whole cluster pressing begins first (the cuvée), so as to not color the juice from excessive skin contact
- Then, a heavier press cycle (the tailee) is collected and set aside
- Free-run and pressed juices are then combined together after long cold soaks in the barrel room
- Juice is racked to barrel and air temperatures are increased to kick off fermentation

- Fermentation temperatures range from 55-70F, locking in the delicate aromatics, then integrating acidity of the wines
- Full malolactic fermentation in barrel smooths and softens the wines
- After élevage (barrel aging), the wines are gently racked to tanks for settling
- After approx. 16-17 months the wines are bottled unfiltered and vegan

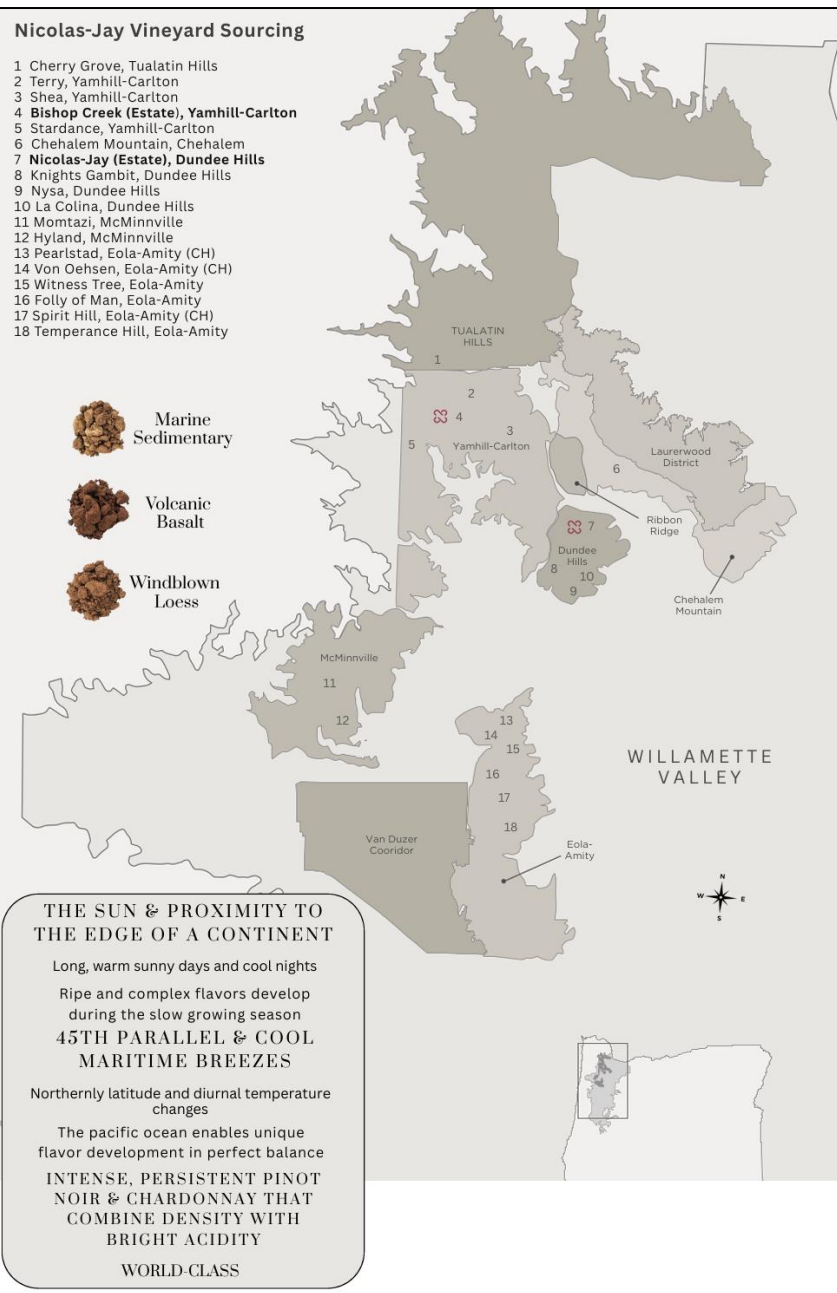
### 100% Organic, Bio-dynamic, LIVE certified, Salmon Safe

- The Nicolas-Jay Estate only partners with growers who are committed to the highest sustainability standards
- Regenerative farming practices like cover crops and compost are used to enhance soil health and the local ecosystems
- Insectaries and no-till farming techniques build natural biodiversity across many of the vineyards we farm, creating a haven for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators
- Bottling our wines in lighter, more eco-friendly glass reduces our carbon footprint impact

The Nicolas-Jay Estate is committed to the highest possible holistic and regenerative farming standards

## Nicolas-Jay Vineyard Sourcing

- 1 Cherry Grove, Tualatin Hills
- 2 Terry, Yamhill-Carlton
- 3 Shea, Yamhill-Carlton
- 4 Bishop Creek (Estate), Yamhill-Carlton
- 5 Stardance, Yamhill-Carlton
- 6 Chehalem Mountain, Chehalem
- 7 Nicolas-Jay (Estate), Dundee Hills
- 8 Knights Gambit, Dundee Hills
- 9 Nysa, Dundee Hills
- 10 La Colina, Dundee Hills
- 11 Momtazi, McMinnville
- 12 Hyland, McMinnville
- 13 Pearlstead, Eola-Amity (CH)
- 14 Von Oehsen, Eola-Amity (CH)
- 15 Witness Tree, Eola-Amity
- 16 Folly of Man, Eola-Amity
- 17 Spirit Hill, Eola-Amity (CH)
- 18 Temperance Hill, Eola-Amity



### THE SUN & PROXIMITY TO THE EDGE OF A CONTINENT

Long, warm sunny days and cool nights

Ripe and complex flavors develop during the slow growing season

45TH PARALLEL & COOL MARITIME BREEZES

Northerly latitude and diurnal temperature changes

The Pacific ocean enables unique flavor development in perfect balance

INTENSE, PERSISTENT PINOT NOIR & CHARDONNAY THAT COMBINE DENSITY WITH BRIGHT ACIDITY

WORLD-CLASS



## Who We Are – Competitive Set – Reasons To Believe (USPs)

- French tension and American generosity
- Committed to **low-intervention**, holistic, no-till and sustainable farming
- **Texture**, tension and terroir driven wines
- Expressive of vintage and terroir, preciseness, **balance**
- Weight without heaviness, naturally made with ‘**aliveness**’, nuanced finishes
- Collectible, treasured, a cellar must-have
- 100% **organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE, unirrigated vineyards**
- 100% farming oversight, less leaf pulling, green harvests, **1/8-ton bins**, 2 layers only
- **Multiple hand sorting stages**, including a 12-person sorting table at estate winery
- 100% **destemmed**, slow pressed
- Extended cold maceration, **spontaneous native yeast**, high temperature ferments
- Gentle aeration, **unfined, unfiltered, vegan**

Exclusively Positioned To Only The Most Acclaimed International Pinot Noir And Chardonnay Producers Within Its Price Segment:

Domaine Drouhin	Chateau Montelena	Big Table Farm	Rhys	Felton Road
Flâneur	Flowers	Sequitur	Domaine Pierre Gelin	Domaine Berthaut
Resonance	Sojourn	Le Cadeau	Arterberry Maresh	Roar
Sokol-Blosser	Brewer-Clifton	Dusky Goose	Evening Land	Williams Selyam
Belle Pente	Kumeu River	Lavinea	Rose Rock	Bergström
Walter Scott	Ramey	J Christopher	OO Wines	Shea
Domaine Divio	Antica Terra	Jean-Marie Fourrier	Gran Moraine	François Raveneau
Adelsheim	Lingua Franca	Olivier Leflaive	Calera	Zena Crown
Cristom	Domaine Serene	Littorai	Louis Latour	Peter Michael
Trisaetum	Archery Summit	Kosta Browne	Joseph Drouhin	Domaine Laroche
Radio-Coteau	Beaux Freres	Domaine Dujac	Dumol	Mayacamas
Albert Bichot	Soter	Hd V	Sea Smoke	Littorai
Marcassin	Sea Smoke	Domaine Denis Bachelet	Peay	Hirsch

- This is the **1<sup>st</sup> project by Domaine Méo-Camuzet** / Jean-Nicolas Méo outside of the Côte-d’or
- The Nicolas-Jay estate is A **family-owned property** and is not tied to any national or international importer or marketing agent
- Co-founder jay boberg, A music industry legend who co-founded IRS records, oversees the estate and vineyard operations and leads the property’s marketing efforts
- **Jean-Nicolas Méo possesses 35 years making highly sought-after and rare wines** for Domaine Méo-Camuzet in Burgundy
- Domaine Méo-Camuzet owns 16.91 hectares (41.79 acres) of some of the most revered plots in the Côte-d’or, to include: clos de Vougeot, Richebourg, Échezeaux and Corton
- Méo-Camuzet has 300+ years of vineyard ownership and winemaking history and remains A family operation today, including the frère et soeurs negotiant brand
- All Nicolas-Jay estate wines are produced using traditional Burgundian farming and winemaking techniques that focus on terroir and texture
- The **Bishop Creek estate vineyard (flagship) in Yamhill Carlton, originally planted in 1988, represents +/- 40% of all fruit crushed** each vintage
- **Long-term vineyard contracts** include temperance hill, Shea, Nysa, la Colina, Momtazi, Hyland, Spirit Hill, Witness Tree and other high-quality sites
- The estate winery in Dundee Hills is an amphitheater shaped site on 52-acres, ranges from 450’-1,100’ in elevation and was formerly an old long-horn cattle ranch
- The estate vineyard is currently being planted to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir clones, to include **cuttings from Domaine Méo-Camuzet** estates in Burgundy



## THE NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE, DUNDEE HILLS

This stunning, amphitheater-shaped site on the north face of the Dundee Hills features dramatic elevation gains and a diverse set of micro-climates ideal for high-quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay plantings. A cooler site than the south-side of the mountain, the Nicolas-Jay Estate was previously a long-horn cattle ranch and Christmas tree farm dating back to the 1940's. The property features an old cattle barn that has been renovated into a charming tasting room, multiple barrel cellars and a sustainable gravity-fed winery.

The 2021 vintage marks the first complete harvest crushed, fermented and bottled at the estate.



### *Vineyard Spotlight*

#### NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE

- Dundee Hills AVA
- 400'-1,000' elevation
- 52 total acres, 18 acres plantible
- Chardonnay clones 95, 76, 540
- Pinot Noir clones Pommard, 667, 777
- Jory (deep, free-draining volcanic basalts)
- A portion of the rootstock material planted on this estate will come directly from Domaine Méo-Camuzet's estate holdings





## BISHOP CREEK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, YAMHILL-CARLTON

This vineyard was first planted to ungrafted rootstock in 1988 on tight 5x5 rows of three Pinot Noir clones (Pommard, Wädenswil, 777) in north-south facing blocks. This iconic site in the northern reaches of Yamhill-Carlton also features high-elevation Chardonnay clones (76, 95, 548) on the upper-bench of the property on rootstock dating back to the late 1990's. Dramatic elevation changes, rugged growing conditions and an extremely low water table has pushed root systems deep (30-40') into the porous and nutritionally deficient marine sedimentary soils of the Eocene Era and alluvial sands of the Missoula floods to produce wines of profound texture and immense structure.



### Technical Information

**Farming:** Organic  
**Harvested:** October 10-16  
**Fermentation:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Aging:** 15 mo. 50% new French  
**Filtration/Finning:** None  
**Production:** 13 barrels

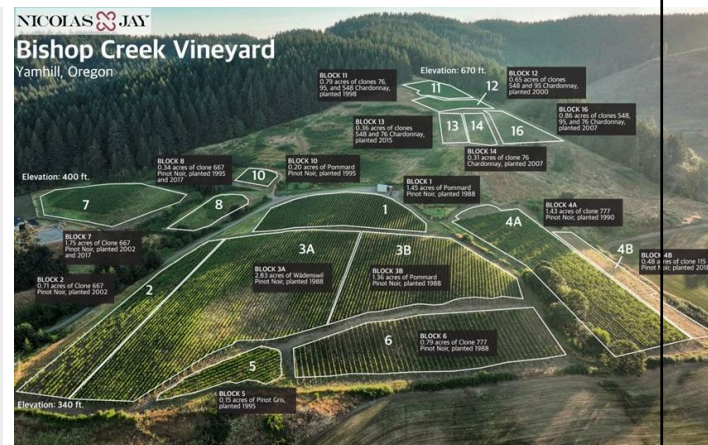


### Wine Writer International Wine Report

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. **97 Points**

### Vineyard Spotlight BISHOP CREEK

- Yamhill-Carlton AVA
- Ancient marine sedimentary
- Ungrafted rootstock
- No-till, organic farming
- Mediterranean climate
- Original plantings in 1988
- Represents +/- 50% of all fruit crushed by the estate
- Characteristics: *Wet stone, crushed granite and generous brambly blackberry showcase this site. A savory essence with roasted meats and an exotic middle eastern spice with a by-line of black cap blackberry. Strong, muscular tannins with a tight-knit structure allows an extremely long cellar performance.*





NICOLAS  JAY

# Bishop Creek Vineyard

Yamhill, Oregon

Elevation: 670 ft.

**Block 7**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 2002/2017  
Clone: 667  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 1.75  
Rows: 68  
Space: 6x4  
Vines per Acre: 1815

**Block 8**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1995/2017  
Clone: 667  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.34  
Rows: 18  
Space: 6x3  
Vines per Acre: 2420

**Block 10**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1995  
Clone: Pommard  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.20  
Rows: 19  
Space: 6x4  
Vines per Acre: 1815

Elevation: 400 ft.

**Block 2**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 2002  
Clone: 667  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.71  
Rows: 11  
Space: 6x4  
Vines per Acre: 1815

**Block 3A**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1988  
Clone: Wadensville  
Rootstock: Own  
Acres: 2.83  
Rows: 59  
Space: 5x5  
Vines per Acre: 1742

**Block 5**  
Variety: Pinot Gris  
Year Planted: 1995  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.15  
Rows: 14  
Space: 6x3  
Vines per Acre: 2420

Elevation: 340 ft.

**Block 1**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1988  
Clone: Pommard  
Rootstock: Own  
Acres: 1.45  
Rows: 72  
Space: 5x5  
Vines per Acre: 1742

**Block 3B**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1988  
Clone: Pommard  
Rootstock: Own  
Acres: 1.36  
Rows: 56  
Space: 5x5  
Vines per Acre: 1742

**Block 11**  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Year Planted: 1998  
Clone: 76/95/548  
Rootstock: 101-14  
Acres: 0.79  
Rows: 32  
Space: 6x3  
Vines per Acre: 2420

**Block 12**  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Year Planted: 2000  
Clone: 548 & 95  
Rootstock: 101-14  
Acres: 0.65  
Rows: 42  
Space: 6x4  
Vines per Acre: 1815

**Block 13**  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Year Planted: 2015  
Clone: 548 & 76  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.36  
Rows: 12  
Space: 6x3.5  
Vines per Acre: 2074

**Block 14**  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Year Planted: 2007  
Clone: 76  
Acres: 0.31  
Rows: 9  
Space: 6x3.5  
Vines per Acre: 2074

**Block 16**  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Year Planted: 2007  
Clone: 548, 95, 76  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.86  
Rows: 36  
Space: 6x3.5  
Vines per Acre: 2074

**Block 4B**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 2018  
Clone: 115  
Rootstock: 3309  
Acres: 0.48  
Rows: 12  
Space: 6x4  
Vines per Acre: 1815

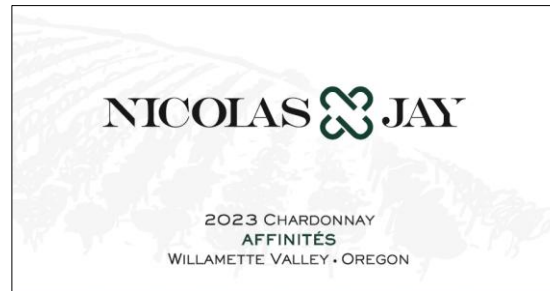
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Year Planted: 1988  
Clone: 777  
Rootstock: Own  
Acres: 0.79  
Rows: 54  
Space: 7x5  
Vines per Acre: 1245

**Block 4A**  
Variety: Pinot Noir  
Year Planted: 1990  
Clone: 777  
Rootstock: Own  
Acres: 1.43  
Rows: 31  
Space: 5x5  
Vines per Acre: 1742

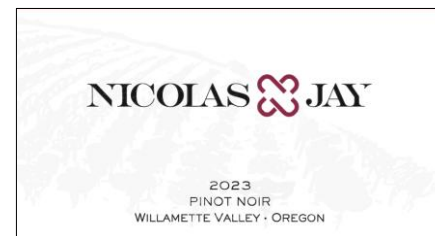
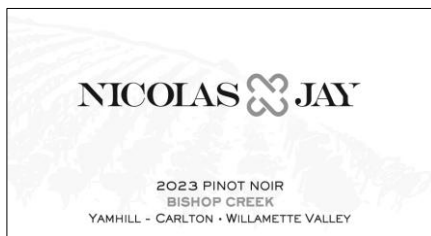


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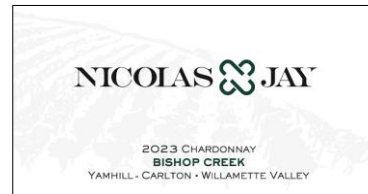
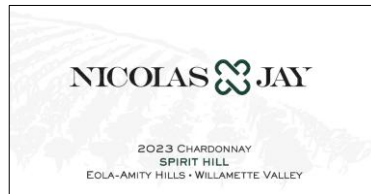
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## NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2022 AFFINITÉS CHARDONNAY, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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### The Wine

[uh-fin-i-tee] The relationship and connection between different elements. Each vintage our Affinités Chardonnay showcases the brilliance individual sites can produce when masterfully tempered and blended, with the ultimate objective of encapsulating the true spirit of the vintage. Not an individual expression of one site, but rather a composition of shared connections from a special place captured in a moment in time. The chosen vineyards (Bishop Creek, Von Oehsen, Spirit Hill) are interwoven to reveal the delicate flavors and sheer beauty of the Willamette Valley.

### Harvest

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Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Contribution	Farming
Spirit Hill	Eola-Amity	25 years	Tangerine, pineapple, length	LIVE
Von Oehsen	Eola-Amity	19 years	Preciseness, apricot, crisp apple	LIVE
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	25 years	Tension, minerality, citrus	Organic



Farming: Organic  
AVA: Eola-Amity, Yamhill-Carlton  
Harvested: Sept 30-Oct 14  
Harvest Brix: 22  
Vinification: Spontaneous native yeast  
Fining / Filtration: Lightly fined  
Élevage: 25% new French oak, 13 mo.  
TA: 6.1 g/L, pH: 3.22  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Date Bottled: April 16, 2024  
Production: 458 cases

### Press / Accolades

*There is a great deal of minerality. For Chardonnay, this is not a super ripe vintage, it's around 21 or 22 brix. In general, sugars were low, and the wines carry great freshness and the Chardonnays achieved optimum ripeness in a very light way. There is a liveliness', Meo concludes. This wine offers great minerality, ample smoky lemon peel, a saline throughline that is the calling card of great Willamette Valley Chardonnay. Decanter*

**95** *Subtle toast and aniseed on the nose with taut citrus fruit. Lovely depth of flavour with lemon, pineapple and pear fruit as well as good acidity. Fine and linear, and ageworthy* **Wine Anorak**

**94** *It pours a brilliant yellow/silver color and leads with notes of citrus oils, delicate toast, wet stone, white mushrooms, and white peach. Medium-bodied and approachable, it floats on the palate with good extract and should age with ease over the coming 6-8 years. Jeb Dunnuck*

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### The Wine

The core objective to venture into the Willamette Valley would be two-fold. The pursuance of the best possible vineyards, first. Then understanding if a cuvée made outside the constraints of the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée could deliver sense of place and enchanting textures as prolifically as the great climates of the Côte d'Or. It would take the highest of expectations across dozens of vineyards for half a decade. Micro-fermenting newly discovered blocks in search of hidden subtleties and hundreds of hours of relentless determination, year after year, until a path could emerge. A passageway to a special wine, a wine that symbolizes a refined expertise that can only come from 35 vintages on top of the world's most hallowed Pinot Noir ground.

Together, The Whole, The Entire « The L'Ensemble »

Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Contribution	Farming
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	36 years	Power, granite, blue fruits	Organic
Terry	Yamhill-Carlton	19 years	Blackberry liqueur, earth	LIVE
Shea	Dundee Hills	35 years	Huckleberry, cedary herb	LIVE
Nysa	Dundee Hills	32 years	Elegance, red fruits, spice	Organic
Knights Gambit	Dundee Hills	31 years	Raspberry, bright acidity, linear	Organic
La Colina	Dundee Hills	23 years	Pomegranate, clove, black tea	LIVE
Temperance Hill	Eola-Amity	41 years	White pepper, stone, hibiscus	Organic
RPG	Eola-Amity	28 years	Cardamon, orange, clean	LIVE
Hyland	McMinnville	22 years	Ethereal, floral, red fruits	Bio-dynamic
Cherry Grove	Tualatin Hills	18 years	Rhubarb spice, herbs, dried plum	LIVE

### Press / Accolades

**96** *Striking viscosity, it dances across the tongue with a refreshing lightness. Fine-grained tannins weave seamlessly with bright acidity, offering a clean, mouthwatering feel that leaves you craving more. International Wine Report*

**96** *Fine floral red cherries and cranberries on the nose. There's a lovely sappy edge to the red cherry and plum fruit on the palate with direct red fruits and real finesse. Nice energy here: very fine with good purity. Wine Anorak*

**95** *The aromatics are grounded in red florals, with touches of earth and a spritz of spiced blood orange. The palate is elegant and refined, with tart berries, a silken structure and a beautiful finish of savoury spice. Decanter*

**94** *Top 100 Wines of the year contender. Pure notes of wild berries, delicate spices, crushed stones, and fresh roses. Medium-bodied on the palate, it's refreshing and light on its feet, with fine tannins, a clean feel all the way through, and a tapered, mouthwatering finish. Seamless and pure, this is fantastic. Jeb Dunnuck*



Farming: Organic, Bio-dynamic  
AVA: Yamhill-Carlton, Dundee Hills, Eola-Amity, McMinnville, Tualatin Hills  
Harvested: Oct 4-18  
Harvest Brix: 23  
Vinification: Spontaneous native yeast  
Fining / Filtration: None  
Élevage: 35% new French oak, 16 mo.  
TA: 5.6 g/L, pH: 3.6  
Alcohol: 14.0%  
Date Bottled: May 15, 2024  
Production: 1,348 cases

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## NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2022 OWN-ROOTED PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### The Winery

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Jean-Nicolas was the architect and innovator behind the rise of *Domaine Méo-Camuzet* as one of the most sought-after and collectible producers in the last 30 years. Wines of exquisite texture, persistence and density that also precisely represent the landscape and terroir in which they would come from. With this natural understanding of viticulture and wine, combined with the mastery of prestigious terroirs left by his family and developed by himself, Méo-Camuzet rests amongst an elite few in benchmark level wines and the lofty status the *Domaine* enjoys in Burgundy today.

Jay Boberg would bring more than his share of innovation and inspiration to the table as the two set forth in the early 2010's on this quest to produce top-quality Willamette Valley wine together.



### The Wine

Our 'Own-Rooted' Pinot Noir showcases several old-vine sites in the Willamette Valley, each at least 30 years old, and planted at a time when rootstock was relatively rare in Oregon viticulture. Our own Bishop Creek Vineyard supplies a portion of the blend, showing off its characteristic black fruit and granite tannin structure. Hyland Vineyard, the oldest in the McMinnville AVA, sits atop a hillside looking over the Van Duzer Corridor, and its 46-year-old vines supply earth-driven tension in this wine. 1989-planted Pommard clones from the Nysa Vineyard completes this wine, supplying ethereal elements, red fruits and dusty spice.

### Harvest

Pinot Noir shows classic, cool-climate aromatics reminiscent of vintages long ago. A delicate and ethereal structure shows elegance on the front end, but a generous complexity develops in the mid-palate with waves of citrus fruit acidity intermingling with a dark blackberry liqueur and minerality essence. Lifted and upright from start to finish with an unrelenting precision and energy throughout.

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Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	36 years	Power, granite, blue fruits	Organic
Nysa	Dundee Hills	32 years	Elegance, red fruits, spice	Organic
Hyland	McMinnville	51 years	Ethereal, floral, red fruits	Bio-dynamic

### Press / Accolades

At first, it opens with rugged aromas of damp forest floor and savory brined black olives, slowly revealing layers of fresh pine, wildflowers, and blackberry preserves with hints of shaved dark chocolate. Its texture initially feels understated, but it quickly blossoms into a dense, layered experience that gently grips the palate. **International Wine Report**

It's a gorgeous Pinot Noir, with an effusive nose of candied fruits and sweet, smoky rose petals. There is ample forest floor as freshly turned earth melds with sweet bright cherries, a squeeze of blood orange and loads of dried wild herbs which deliver a savoury finish. There's a silken texture that I often find in the own-rooted vine Pinot Noir from the Willamette. It's a lovely wine. **Decanter**

Very pretty and floral on the nose, with notes of wild black raspberries, fresh flowers, a hint of procini powder, and sweet forest earth. Harmonious and medium-bodied, it fills the palate with a juicy feel upfront and is approachable now, with ripe, sweet tannins, fresh accents of bright acidity, and an even, balanced finish. It's well-detailed and rounded and is going to show its best over the next 10-15 years. **Jeb Dunnuck**

It's a complete wine with sweet cherries and plums. Textural and finely spiced with grainy structure. Has great balance and density with a firmly structured finish, but it's also very fine. **Wine Anorak**

**Cellar Selection. Wine Enthusiast**



**Farming:** Organic, Bio-dynamic  
**AVA:** Dundee Hills, Yamhill-Carlton, McMinnville  
**Harvested:** Oct 10-17  
**Harvest Brix:** 22.5  
**Vinification:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Fining / Filtration:** None  
**Élevage:** 50% new French oak, 16 mo.  
**TA:** 6 g/L, **pH:** 3.53  
**Alcohol:** 13.0%  
**Date Bottled:** May 14, 2024  
**Production:** 413 cases

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### The Wine

The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is the original, and first wine made by Nicolas-Jay. The vineyard sourcing has changed since that first vintage, but the essence has always remained the same: locate the most expressive vineyards in the valley, farm them gently and sustainably and produce a Pinot Noir that is pure, fresh and symbolic of this place. This bottling has a very special place in our heart. It receives no less attention than any other bottlings at the estate and is the culmination of over 45 years combined winemaking experience between Jean-Nicolas Méo and Assistant Winemaker Noah Roberts.

### Harvest

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Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Contribution	Farming
Temperance Hill	Eola-Amity	43 years	White pepper, stone, hibiscus	Organic
RPG	Eola-Amity	28 years	Cardamon, orange, clean	LIVE
La Colina	Dundee Hills	23 years	Pomegranate, clove, black tea	LIVE
Nysa	Dundee Hills	35 years	Elegance, red fruits, spice	Organic
Bishop Creek	Yamhill-Carlton	36 years	Power, granite, blue fruits	Organic
Terry	Yamhill-Carlton	19 years	Blackberry liqueur, earth	Organic
Montazi	McMinnville	26 years	Wild blackberry, sweet citrus	Bio-dynamic

### Winemaker Tasting Notes

This blend is almost equally divided between the regions of Eola-Amity, Dundee Hills and Yamhill-Carlton and shows a deeper hue and color saturation than prior vintages. Its been impressive to watch the winemaking team assemble this cuvee into an allegorical representation of each vintage's subtle differences while also delivering the typicity of pure Willamette Valley aroma and texture. And this 2022 version delivers once again with a delicate floral component that's ethereal and elegant. There's black cherries and hints of fresh Gala apples, gentle baking spices and light toasted oak barrel. A lovely red cherry powder texture emerges that seems to unlock aromas of sarsaparilla and raspberry-clove essence. The tannin structure is delicate, but everlasting, and the wine shows good density and plenty of age ability. The hurdle here is the wines alluring style at this youthful state, a prettiness that is so inviting right now that pulling the cork as soon as you can could very well be a sound decision.



**Farming:** Organic, Bio-dynamic  
**AVA:** Eola-Amity, Dundee Hills, Yamhill-Carlton, McMinnville  
**Harvested:** Oct 4-16  
**Harvest Brix:** 22.7  
**Vinification:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Fining / Filtration:** None  
**Élevage:** 20% new French oak, 13 mo.  
**TA:** 5.8 g/L, **pH:** 3.56  
**Alcohol:** 13.0%  
**Date Bottled:** April 14, 2024  
**Production:** 584 cases



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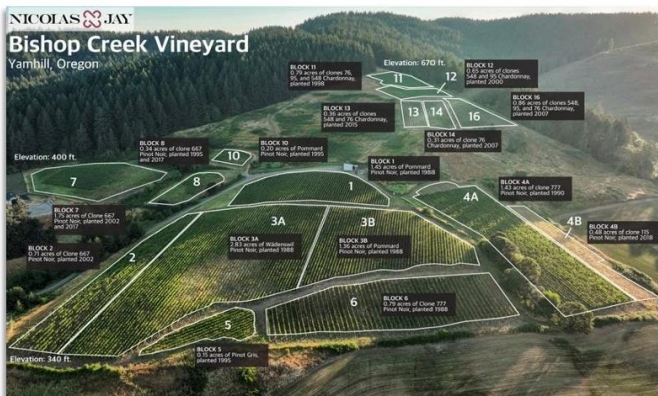
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### The Wine

This vineyard was first planted to ungrafted rootstock in 1988 on tight 5x5 rows of three Pinot Noir clones (Pommard, Wädenswil, 777) in north-south facings blocks. This iconic site in the northern reaches of Yamhill-Carlton also features high-elevation Chardonnay clones (76, 95, 548) on the upper-bench of the property on rootstock dating back to the late 1990's. Dramatic elevation changes, rugged growing conditions and an extremely low water table has pushed root systems deep (30-40') into the porous and nutritionally deficient marine sedimentary soils of the Eocene Era and alluvial sands of the Missoula floods. These unusually challenging conditions, a Mediterranean climate, broad diurnal temperature changes and high degree days (2,400) generates 1-2 tons per acre of small, thick-skinned berries that feature profound texture and immense structure. The Bishop Creek Vineyard makes up a large portion of all fruit crushed each vintage at the estate, while also representing a sizeable portion of Oregon's remaining ungrafted rootstock planted in the last century.

### Harvest

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### Press / Accolades

- 98** The 2022 Pinot Noir from Bishop Creek Vineyard, planted in the late '80s, pours a deep ruby gamet and showcases the vineyard's bold character. Aromas of black raspberries, red currants, and dried cranberry are interwoven with sagebrush and delicate lavender, while subtle notes of sandalwood and black tea add an earthy complexity. **International Wine Report**
- 95** The palate shows a fruited density that is balanced by real brightness. Tart smoky citrus notes, raspberries and a hint of pomegranate pulp and enveloped by savoury dried herbs. **Decanter**
- 95** **Editors' Choice. Wine & Spirits**



**Farming:** Organic, Bio-dynamic  
**SOIL:** Marine sedimentary (Willakenzie)  
**Harvested:** Oct 10-16  
**Harvest Brix:** 22.8  
**Vinification:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Fining / Filtration:** None  
**Élevage:** 50% new French oak, 16 mo.  
**TA:** 5.7 g/L, pH: 3.74  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**Date Bottled:** May 14, 2024  
**Production:** 335 cases

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## NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2022 SPIRIT HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY, EOLA-AMITY

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### The Wine

Planted in 1996, the vines of Spirit Hill are slowly revealing their true nature. Tucked away in the trees is an old pioneer cemetery, which has inspired the vineyard's ghostly name. Initially dedicated to sparkling wines, the clones initially planted (76 and 95, part of the «Dijon clones» series brought to Oregon at that time) have proven to produce a chardonnay with striking depth and structure. No need to rush to harvest it, it changes gradually and therefore offers you the luxury of choosing the style of wine you want to make; early for minerality, late for more power. Spirit Hill truly excels as a single vineyard bottling, but also provides a phenomenal component inside our Willamette Valley Affinités blend.

### Harvest

Chardonnay aromatics are stunning, with river stone chalkiness, grilled peach and pineapple acidity freshness. Medium+ density intertwined with orchard fruits, minerality and toasted grain that make it almost impossible not to parallel these wines with the southern climates of Côte de Beaune.

### Press / Accolades

- 95** This was long a top sparkling vineyard for Argyle. This Chardonnay shows classic Eola-Amity signature in the variety. Smoky notes of chipped flint and grilled lemon peel, and spicy, dried herbs, more acidity, condensed, with a citrus fruit finish. There is grapefruit pith element to the finish. **Decanter**
- 95** A mineral-driven core runs deep, bringing out notes of crushed river stones and a whisper of wet flint. Vibrant flavors of ripe nectarines, lime zest, and juicy yellow plums dance on the tongue, balanced by a touch of baking spice that lingers softly in the background. The acidity here is sharp but finely tuned, enhancing the wine's smooth texture and bright profile. **International Wine Report**
- 94** A brilliant reflective yellow/straw hue, the wine is pretty in the glass and offers aromas of linen, white flowers, subtle sweet baking spice, lemon candles, and fresh pear. **Jed Dunnuck**



**Farming:** Organic  
**SOIL:** Volcanic basalt (Jory)  
**Harvested:** Oct 6-14  
**Harvest Brix:** 22  
**Vinification:** Spontaneous native yeast  
**Fining / Filtration:** Lightly fined  
**Élevage:** 25% new French oak, 13 mo.  
**TA:** 6.7 g/L, pH: 3.12  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**Date Bottled:** April 16, 2024  
**Production:** 91 cases

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### The Wine

The upper-bench of this site features five individual blocks of high elevation Chardonnay rootstock that was first planted in the late 1990's. Four cool-climate clones (75, 95, 548, 895) are planted across 2.97 acres in densely north-south situated rows. Each block experiences dramatic elevation changes and rugged growing conditions that generate consistent levels of vine stress and, as a result, an extremely low matrix for tons per acre each harvest. A spectacular site in both its craggy beauty and in producing exquisite mountain-grown Chardonnay of character and of ageability.

### Harvest

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### Press / Accolades

- 97** *It's got a mass or viscosity and richness, with a great mineral finish, There is a kind of weight to this wine. Saline aromas, and salted lemon meld with dried white wildflowers, lemon verbana and whisps of crushed chalk. The palate shows a ponderousness, with a concentrated juicy Meyer lemon pulp, intricacy is portrayed by notes of chamomile and saline seaspray minerality. Decanter*
- 96** *A stunning example of precision winemaking. Pouring a light lemon-straw core with a subtle golden rim, this wine is elegant yet powerful, revealing the depth of character you'd expect from a meticulously crafted Chardonnay. Aged for 13 months in 25% new French oak barrels, the influence of the oak is perfectly integrated, offering complexity without overpowering the fruit. International Wine Report*
- 95** *Focused in the glass, with bright notes of lime zest, wet stones, green apples, saline, and citrus blossoms. Medium-bodied, it gains a bit of intensity but is well-managed on the palate, with a clean, ripe, crystalline feel and a hint of fresh pineapple. It has balanced ripeness as well as a note of stone fruit. Jed Dunnuck*
- 19.5+** *Phenomenal breeding and tension make this a linear, densely packed and unusually closed wine. This makes it a much more serious proposition, and it does not want to be distracted from its journey ahead. Staggeringly focussed, gloriously ripe and muscular, and with the sleekest flanks, while the hints of exoticism. This is a truly spectacular (and, dare I say it, Grand Cru) creation! Matthew Jukes*



Farming: Organic  
AVA: Yamhill-Carlton  
Harvested: October 8  
Harvest Brix: 21.5  
Vinification: Spontaneous native yeast  
Finning / Filtration: Lightly fined  
Élevage: 25% new French oak, 13 mo.  
TA: 5.9 g/L, pH: 3.34  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Date Bottled: April 16, 2024  
Production: 95 cases

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**2022 VINTAGE FALL COLLECTION RELEASE**

**HARVEST**  
This year shows classic, cool-climate aromatics reminiscent of vintage Burgundy. A delicate and ethereal structure shows elegance on the front end, but a generous complexity develops in the mid palate with waves of citrus fruit and subtle interplay with a hint of blackberry leaves and minerality. The finish is long and elegant, with a touch of acidity and a hint of blackberry leaves and minerality. The finish is long and elegant, with a touch of acidity and a hint of blackberry leaves and minerality.

The Nicolas-Jay Estate is Proud to Release These Fall Collection Wines to You (Available to subject to assigned allocation)



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**MEO-CAMUZET**  
**CHRONOLOGIE DE LA MARQUE**  
**18TH CENTURY – PRESENT**



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**4 x 9 SERVER CARD**



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**TECHNICAL DATA | SELLING POINTS**



**2022 AFFINITES**  
**CHARDONNAY SHELF**  
**TALKER**



**2022 L'ENSEMBLE**  
**PINOT NOIR SHELF**  
**TALKER**



**PRESS ROLL-UP**



**2018 | 2019 | 2021**



**2019 | 2020 | 2021**



**2018 | 2019 | 2021**



**Current Inventory / opening order**

2022 Affinités Chardonnay, Willamette Valley – 10/6-packs

2022 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley – 10/12-packs

2022 L'Ensemble Pinot Noir – 15/6-packs

**2023 Vintage Offerings - samples sent**

**Chardonnay**

2023 Affinités Chardonnay, Willamette Valley - OPEN

2023 Bishop Creek Vineyard Chardonnay, Yamhill-Carlton – 0 allocation

2023 Spirit Hill Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity – 5/6-pack allocation

**Pinot Noir**

2022 Own-Rooted Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley – 5/6-pack allocation

2023 Own-Rooted Pinot Noir – 6/6-pack allocation

2023 Bishop Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir – 10/6-pack allocation

## Technical Data | Selling Points

ITEM	<b>BISHOP CREEK</b> YAMHILL-CARLTON PINOT NOIR (ESTATE) PRODUCTION: 13 BARRELS RELEASE: FALL	<b>OWN-ROOTED</b> WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR PRODUCTION: 14 BARRELS RELEASE: FALL	<b>WILLAMETTE VALLEY</b> WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR PRODUCTION: 25 BARRELS RELEASE: SPRING	<b>L'ENSEMBLE</b> WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR PRODUCTION: 74 BARRELS RELEASE: FALL	<b>SPIRIT HILL VINEYARD</b> EOLA-AMITY CHARDONNAY PRODUCTION: 4 BARRELS RELEASE: FALL	<b>AFFINITÉS</b> WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY PRODUCTION: 19 BARRELS RELEASE: SPRING
VINEYARD DETAIL	<b>Bishop Creek, Yamhill-Carlton</b> Far NW corner of Yamhill-Carlton AVA   North-south facing Dry-farmed, no till vineyard Ancient marine sedimentary (Willakenzie)   Planted 1988 Ungrafted   Clones: 777, Pommard Wädenswil, 667	<b>Bishop Creek, Yamhill-Carlton</b> Planted 1988, ungrafted, organic <b>Nysa, Dundee Hills</b> Planted 1989, ungrafted, Pommard 1,000', high-density planting <b>Hyland, McMinnville</b> Planted 1974, ungrafted bio-dynamic, Coury clone	<b>Bishop Creek, Yamhill-Carlton</b> Planted 1988, ungrafted, organic <b>High-quality sites may include:</b> Montazi, McMinnville Temperance Hill, Eola-Amity La Colina, Dundee Hills RPG, Eola-Amity	<b>Bishop Creek, Yamhill-Carlton</b> Planted 1988, ungrafted, organic <b>High-quality sites may include:</b> Shea, Yamhill-Carlton Temperance Hill, Eola-Amity La Colina, Dundee Hills Knights Gambit, Dundee Hills Nysa, Dundee Hills	<b>Spirit Hill, Eola-Amity</b> 1,000 feet elevation   planted 1999   Clones 76, 95   organic 2 unique blocks are farmed and harvested at different times Top 4 barrels of the blocks blended to make this wine	<b>Bishop Creek, Yamhill-Carlton</b> Ancient marine sedimentary 750' elevation, planted 1998 2000, 2007   Organic, no-till <b>Spirit Hill, Von Oehsen</b> Eola-Amity AVA, organic/LIVE
WINEMAKING	Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE certified Hand-picked, hand-sorted, dry farmed No stems, ambient fermentations 16 months 50% new French Bottled unfiltered, unfined, vegan	Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE certified Hand-picked, hand-sorted, dry farmed No stems, ambient fermentations 16 months 50% new French Bottled unfiltered, unfined, vegan	Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE certified Hand-picked, hand-sorted, dry farmed No stems, ambient fermentations 14 months 20-25% new French Bottled unfiltered, unfined, vegan	Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE certified Hand-picked, hand-sorted, dry farmed No stems, ambient fermentations 16 months 30-40% new French Bottled unfiltered, unfined, vegan	Organic Hand-picked, hand-sorted Ambient fermentations Full barrel fermented, full malolactic No battonage 30-40% new French oak, 16 months Bottled unfiltered, light fining, vegan	Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE certified Hand-picked, hand-sorted Ambient fermentations Full barrel fermented, full malolactic   No battonage 25-30% new French oak, 14 months Bottled unfiltered, light fining, vegan
PRESS HIGHLIGHTS	WS 93 Points 19v   93 Points 18v   IWR 98 Points 22v   97 Points 21v   93 Points 19v   JS 95 Points 21v   94 Points 18v   Vinous 93 Points 21v   95 Points 18v   Decanter 95 Points 22v   94 Points 21v   94 Points 18v   W&S 94 Points 21v   JD 96 Points 21v   WE 95 Points 22v	WS 94 Points, 21v   94 Points 19v   93 Points 18v   IWR 97 Points 21v   95 Points 19v   97 Points 18v   JS 95 Points 22v   96 Points 21v   96 Points 19v   94 Points 18v   Vinous 93 Points 21v   94 Points 18v   Decanter 96 Points 22v   94 Points 21v   96 Points 18v   W&S 95 Points 22v   95 Points 21v   JD 95 Points 22v   96 Points 21v	WS 95 Points 19v   94 Points 18v   93 Points 17v IWR 93 Points 19v   93 Points 18v   WA 96 Points 19v   95 Points 18v   JS 95 Points 19v   93 Points 18v   Vinous 92 Points 18v   Decanter 93 Points 17v   95 Points 18v   W&S 93 Points 19v	WS 94 Points, 21v   94 Points 19v   94 Points 18v   IWR 96 Points 21v   93 Points 19v   94 Points 18v   WA 96 Points 22v   96 Points 19v   95 Points 18v   JS 94 Points 21v   94 Points 19v   93 Points 18v   Vinous 94 Points 18v   Decanter 95 Points 22v   93 Points 21v   95 Points 18v   W&S 94 Points 18v   JD 95 Points 21v	IWR 95 Points 22v   96 Points 21v   JS 94 Points 22v   95 Points 21v   Decanter 95 Points 22v   94 Points 21v   JD 94 Points 22v   95 Points 21v	Decanter 95 Points 22v   94 Points 21v   WS 92 Points 21v   92 Points 20v   IWR 97 Points 2021v   95 Points 20v   WE 92 Points 20v   WA 94 Points 19v   JD 94 Points 22v   93 Points 21v
SELLING POINTS	100% ungrafted rootstock Deep roots (40') Mediterranean climate, high degree days   Less rain than rest of valley to the south   High pH wines, lower acidity, brooding   Granite blackberry, chalky tannins Expansive, powerful, age-worthy	100% ungrafted rootstock cuvée <100 acres remain of ungrafted plants   old-vine, dry-farmed Profound expression of terroir persistence   Savory, red-blue fruits minerals, black tea   Dusky spice wild strawberry, lavender	Excellent entry into Nicolas-Jay style Steppingstone to L'Ensemble discovery   Elegant, graceful medium-bodied   Red fruits, juicy minerals, ethereal   Dundee Hills Eola-Amity dominant AVAs	Top cuvée from the estate Top blocks of all vineyards farmed Most outstanding textured barrels selected   Peak expression of vintage and terroir   Expressive, terroir driven preciseness   Red/blue fruits round, layered, plush   Production determined by vintage quality	Champagne press cycle, no stems free-run, 5-day cold soak High-elevation site Named for old pioneer cemetery organic   Jory (volcanic basalt) Late picking site, dense, tightly wound   Peach, jasmine, minerals tension and ageability	Champagne press cycle, no stems free-run, 5-day cold soak Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE Ambient fermentations in barrel 100% ML, no battonage, retain freshness Unfiltered, light fining, vegan Expressive, terroir driven, preciseness Tension, citrus-minerals, exuberant