

NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2023 OWN-ROOTED PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The Winery

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 estate's 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.



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

The 2023 growing season was marked by exceptional growing conditions especially when compared to the previous few vintages. An ample amount of winter precipitation provided the vines with the energy they would require for the growing season. Spring was cold and wet and pushed back bud break by a week from the more traditional time of mid-April. Warm summer temperatures moved the growing season along giving health and abundance to the vines. Small rain events right before harvest time helped to push ripeness across the finish line as well and condensing the picking period. The Pinot noirs of 2023 show a beautiful fruit forward quality. Structured and filling tannin round out the mid-palate with a finish driven by the presence of natural acids.

Vineyard	AVA	Vine Age	Contribution	Farming
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

Scores/Accolades

95 Points | Jeb Dunnuck

95 Points | International Wine Report

94 Points | Decanter



Farming: Organic, Bio-dynamic
AVA: Dundee Hills, Yamhill-Carlton, McMinnville
Harvested: September 14-19
Harvest Brix: 23.5
Vinification: Spontaneous native yeast
Fining / Filtration: None
Élevage: 50% new French oak, 15 mo.
TA: 5.93 g/L, **pH:** 3.51
Alcohol: 13.0%
Date Bottled: March 27, 2025
Production: 396 cases