

NICOLAS JAY

DUNDEE HILLS | OREGON



ORIGIN: WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON



TERROIR WINEMAKING

A collection of distinct wines from the Willamette Valley's most celebrated appellations: **Yamhill-Carlton, Dundee Hills, Eola-Amity and McMinnville.**

These limited-production bottlings are sustainably farmed, hand-picked and hand-sorted, fermented with native yeasts, and bottled unfined and unfiltered—resulting in the purest expression of place.

"The textural precision that defines these wines stems from Jean-Nicolas Méo's unparalleled experience - 37 vintages farming some of Burgundy's greatest vineyards in Côte d'Or for Domaine Méo-Camuzet, a depth of expertise few winemakers in the world can claim. This « savoir-faire » is harnessed and applied toward iconic sites here, in the world-class region of the Willamette Valley."

VINE TO VAT

- 100% organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE
- Unirrigated, no-till farming
- 100% farming oversight
- Less leaf pulling, green harvests
- 1/8-ton bins, 2 layers only
- Multiple hand sorting stages, 12-person crush pad sorting table
- 100% destemmed, slow pressed
- Extended cold maceration
- Free run 'Champagne' style Chardonnay press cycle
- Limited bâtonnage for fresher, more vibrant Chardonnay
- Pump overs for gentle aeration
- Spontaneous native yeast
- High temperature ferments
- Unfined, unfiltered, vegan

CO-FOUNDER: JEAN-NICOLAS MÉO



MASTER WINEMAKER

Jean-Nicolas was bequeathed the Domaine by his father, Jean Méo, in 1984 at just 20 years old. Jean himself had inherited the eponymous domaine and vineyards in 1959 from his aunt, Madame Marie Noirod Camuzet. Jean-Nicolas was a business student with limited wine industry experience, but today his name is notable throughout Burgundy.

"I quickly realized how gratifying this job was... I had a hands-on approach, working in the vineyards, cellar, and the domaine to make wine... I would also sell wine, traveling long distances to do so. I could invite the whole world to come to my cellar." He has stayed at the domaine ever since, even though he originally gave himself only three years to try winemaking.

"My main philosophy on winemaking was shaped by Henri Mayer." Henri Mayer was a celebrated winemaker, widely considered the godfather of modern winemaking. He had spent over forty years farming parcels from Méo-Camuzet under his own label, creating some of the world's most sought-after wines. He passed down his knowledge to Jean-Nicolas, including restricted chemical use, active ploughing, low yields, and cold soaking prior to maceration.

"His wines are very mellow, dense, and accessible. They are very charming. I did not really try to look further in terms of style. But I do like wines with a lot of texture and fresh fruit with a fresher aroma. And I like a bit more tannin and structured wine than Henri did. Thus, my wine was refined to that end." Whilst the Domaine's wines bear the unmistakable imprint of Henri Mayer, they have evolved into a distinctive Méo style highly desired by Burgundy enthusiasts.

Though Jean-Nicolas has deep roots in Burgundy, he has long appreciated Pinot Noirs from elsewhere—most notably Oregon's wines, which he discovered while keynote speaking at the International Pinot Noir Celebration in the Willamette Valley in 1991. "I loved the valley's Burgundy-like charm and mentality, with its dedicated farmers and small, family-run wineries committed to making wines of great character."

DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET



VOSNE-ROMANÉE

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-five years of practice gained on the job, Jean-Nicolas Méo has developed his own style derived from his trainings with Henri Mayer. 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.

LAND HOLDINGS, CÔTE D'OR

Hautes Côte de Nuits Blanc Clos St. Philibert (9 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 acres)

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)

Nuits-Saint-Georges (1.5 acres)

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Boudots (2.5 acres)

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Aux Murgers (1.3 acres)

CO-FOUNDER: JAY BOBERG



A LIFE OF MUSIC AND WINE

For visionary music entrepreneur Jay Boberg, the founding of Nicolas-Jay marks the exciting next act in a remarkable professional life, and is the culmination of a lifelong love affair with wine. Working alongside his longtime friend, renowned Burgundian winemaker Jean-Nicolas Méo, Jay has immersed himself in the world of viticulture and winemaking and is deeply involved in every aspect of Nicolas-Jay. Jay is both the dynamic guiding force behind Nicolas-Jay and its most committed cellar rat, taking samples, driving the fruit from the vineyards, sorting grapes, doing punch-downs, and whatever else needs doing without ego or reservation.

Throughout Jay's life, he has made his avocation his vocation. Following his passion for music, at the age of 21, Jay cofounded the seminal indie record label IRS Records, and by his mid-30s, he began a tenure as president of MCA/Universal Records that lasted for more than a decade. Throughout his career, he launched or fostered some of the most influential music artists of the past three decades, including R.E.M., The Go-Go's, Blink-182, Mary J. Blige, Sublime, The Roots and B.B. King.

THE NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE



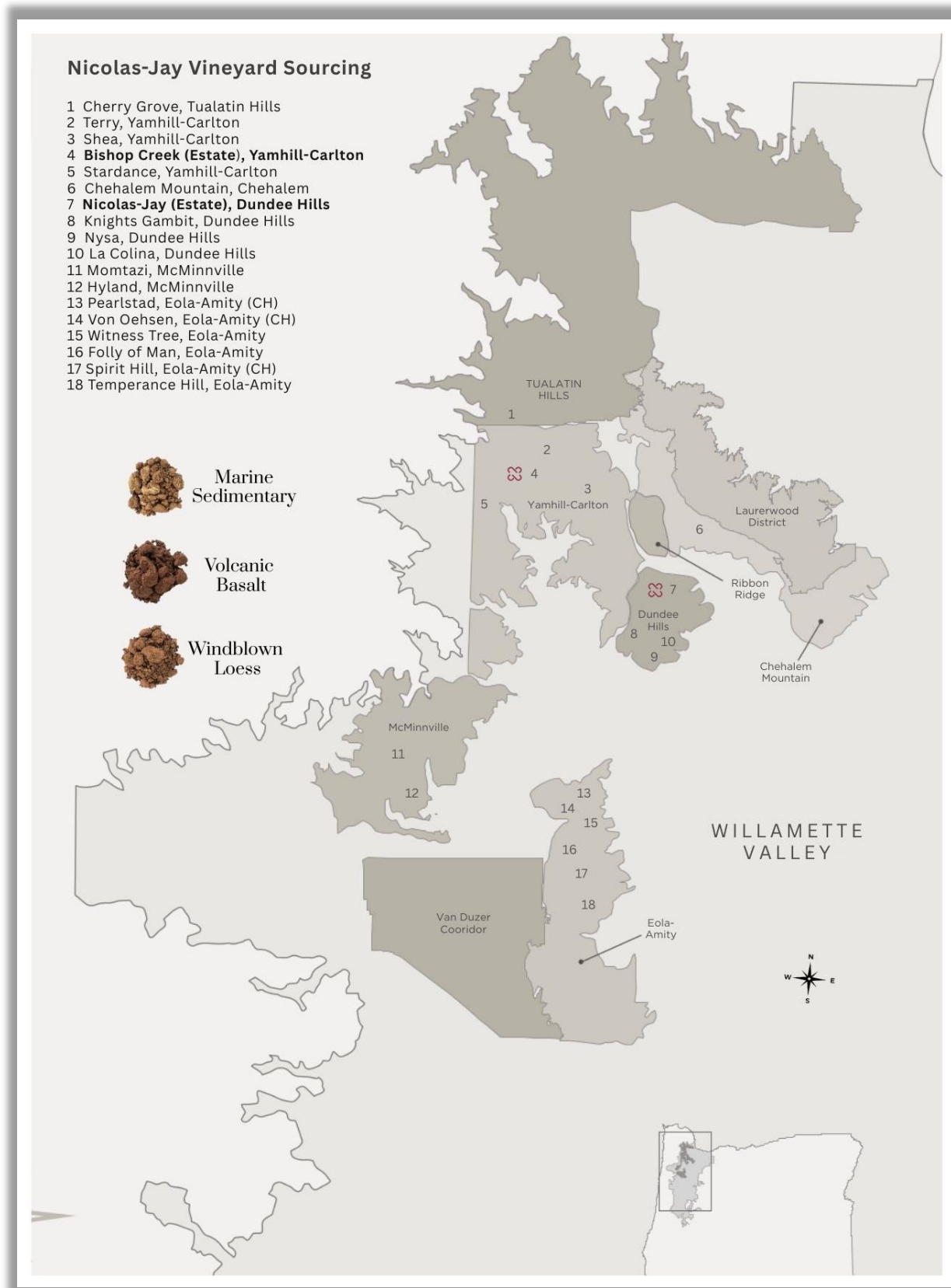
DUNDEE HILLS ESTATE VINEYARD

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

- Dundee Hills AVA
- 450'-1,000' elevation
- 52 total acres, 25 acres plantable
- 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

NÉGOCE VINEYARDS



YAMHILL-CARLTON AVA

Terry Vineyard | planted 2006

Shea Vineyard | planted 1990

Stardance Vineyard | planted 1995

DUNDEE HILLS AVA

Nysa Vineyard | planted 1989

La Colina Vineyard | planted 2002

Knights Gambit | planted 1994

MCMINNVILLE AVA

Momtazi Vineyard | planted 1991

Hyland Vineyard | planted 1971

EOLA-AMITY AVA

Temperance Hill Vineyard | planted 1989

Folly of Man Vineyard | planted 2009

RPG Vineyard | planted 1998

Spirit Hill Vineyard | planted 2001

Pearlstad Vineyard | planted 2015

Witness Tree Vineyard | planted 1988

Von Oehsen | planted 2002

CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

Chehalem Mountain Vineyard | planted 2001

TUALATIN HILLS AVA

Cherry Grove Vineyard | planted 2007

THE BISHOP CREEK ESTATE VINEYARD



UNGRAFTED, OLD-VINE

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 to produce wines of profound texture and immense structure.

VINEYARD SPOTLIGHT

Yamhill-Carlton AVA

Ancient marine sedimentary

Ungrafted rootstock

No-till, organic farming

Mediterranean climate

Original plantings in 1988

Represents +/- 30% of all fruit crushed by the estate

Characteristics: *Wet stone, crushed granite and generous brambly raspberry 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.*



SUPER CUVÉE

L'Ensemble Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley

This wine encapsulates a strict temperament in channeling the raw beauty, tension and persistence from top vineyard blocks and our most expressive barrels, with vintage quality acting as our guide to levels of production.

Own-Rooted Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley

Own-Rooted Pinot Noir showcases several old-vine sites in the Willamette Valley, each at least 37 years old, and planted at a time when rootstock was relatively rare in Oregon viticulture.

Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Mission: to 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.

Affinités Chardonnay, Willamette Valley

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.

SINGLE ORIGIN

Bishop Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, Yamhill-Carlton

A top-level bottling that combines both power and elegance within one single sensory experience. A true candidate for a grand-cru classification if ever one was to exist.

Bishop Creek Vineyard Chardonnay, Yamhill-Carlton

Rootstock dating back to the last century; this high elevation, upper-bench site of just 2.77 acres produces tension-driven, expressive Chardonnay with no limits to its ageability potential.

Spirit Hill Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity

This vineyard, literally, sits on top of spacious hills with aspects in every direction by virtue of its amphitheater shape. Tucked away in the trees is an old pioneer cemetery, which has inspired the vineyard's ghostly name.