

NICOLAS-JAY ESTATE 2022 L'ENSEMBLE 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

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 climats 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 Dunnick***

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