



J. CHRISTOPHER 2014 LIA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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Located in Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley, J. Christopher Wines is a small winery that specializes in Pinot Noir made in the traditional style of Burgundy, and in Sauvignon Blanc modeled after the great wines of Sancerre. The winery is co-owned by Jay Somers, who has been making wine in Oregon for more than 20 years, and Ernst Loosen, owner of the Dr. Loosen estate in Germany. Their shared philosophy is to produce wines in an Old World style that emphasizes focus, length and balance.

LIA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR (CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA)

Lia's Vineyard is one of our neighbor vineyards in the Chehalem Mountains AVA. This superb site has volcanic soil and produces wines with very pretty fruit and an elegant structure. Jay calls it "the Abbey Ridge of Chehalem Mountain."

THE 2014 VINTAGE

We had an excellent growing season in 2014, with an exceptional fruit set, dry weather through September, and an abundant harvest of ripe, healthy fruit. It was a rare vintage that gave us full ripeness, reasonable alcohol and good acidity. Normally, we only get two out of three. Overall, it was a warm vintage, but the alcohol conversion rates were low, which resulted in wines that are both very ripe and very elegant.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard source: Lia's Vineyard

Soil types: Volcanic

Clones: Pommard, Wadensvil

Age of vines: 23 years old

Vineyard management: Sustainable; dry farmed

Average yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Harvest method: Hand picking

Harvest date: September 2014

Vinification: 100% destemmed; 2.5-ton fermenters; native yeasts; unforced malolactic fermentation

Maturation: 18 months in barriques; 25% new oak

Bottling date: April 2016

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total production: 100 cases

UPC: 183103000327

