



Dobbes Family Estate

Founded 2002

Owner & Winemaker Joe Dobbes

www.dobbesfamilyestate.com

www.winebyjoe.com

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in 2002 with the first vintage. With a passionate history with wine, Joe says that it came early on as a sixth sense. Since childhood Joe has found analyzing flavors and aromas both interesting and fun. Possessing a degree in biology, Joe decided in 2002 to start living his dream, rather than building on the dreams of others. Since then, two labels have been created, Dobbes Family Estate & Wine by Joe.

"Wine is exciting. It is stylistically exact and true to its varietals. Our wines at Dobbes Family Estate and Wine by Joe possess qualities of rich elegance, full bodied, and are well balanced. At Dobbes we follow 'nature, nurture, artistry,'" this means keeping a close eye on the areas in which the grapes are grown, nurturing the grapes to create just the right flavor before harvest, and



An elegant selection of Dobbes Family Estate wines.

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putting all the pieces together to make a final product that they can be proud of.

The goal at Dobbes Family Estate is to create wines that are both drinkable and approachable while young yet still have the structure and acidity to age well. At Dobbes they do not subscribe to the "bigger is better" trend, but rather strive for wines that are balanced, age-worthiness, and elegant.

Wine by Joe's objective is to produce wines that are true to their varietal character, which are fruit forward, crisp and rich whites and soft, balanced, and complex reds. Wine by Joe is a great value, but still a serious wine when it comes to quality. Joe chose the three "pinots" to create this unique style of wine. Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Blanc which all grow well in Oregon make up the Wine by Joe team.

From Dobbes, I highly recommend the 2005 Grande Assemblage Cuvee Pinot Noir. With a strong expression of the fruit, it is easy to pick out the grapes, blackberries, and black currants in this smooth Pinot. While it is medium in body, it is one of the smoother Pinot Noir's I have come across.

If you tend to lean more towards a fruity wine, then the Wine by Joe 2005

Jose's Rose is a must try. Mainly a blend of Pinot Blanc, with a touch of Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, and Syrah, the wines create a beautiful light bodied wine.

"Passion fuels endless energy," says Joe, and this shows in all of the wines produced by both Dobbes Family Estate and Wine by Joe.



Joe Dobbes (bottom) with his lovely family.

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