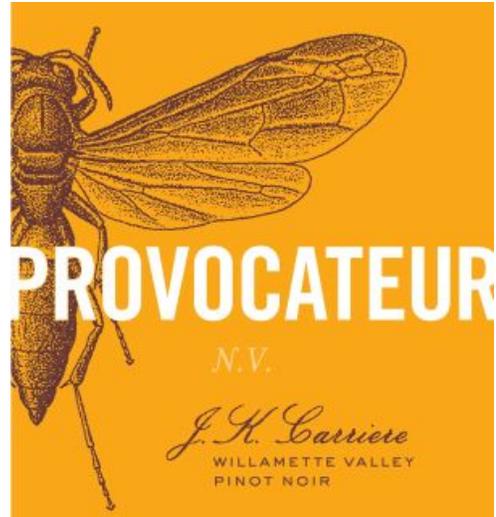


Provocateur
Nonvintage
Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



Thesis: A sum greater than its parts

The Cliff Notes: Red garnet is its color and full ripe cherry is its flavor. Perhaps cherry mascarpone tart might well cover it. It's a really full and striking beauty with a red-led, medium-plus fruit core and light, but firm structure, finishing on polished tannins.

The Name: Provocateurs are generally trouble-makers — sometimes, because they make you think about that which you thought you knew.

A Story: This wine is about scarcity. Normally vintage-dated 2020 would sit in its place, but we didn't make much wine that fall. So, for the sake of volume and structure, we added big-shouldered 2018 Pinot. For the sake of additional volume and elegance we added 2019. We even added a skosh of 2021. At that, we only came up with a little under half of the cases we normally provide. It's delightful, it's clean, it's delicious, it's purposefully non-vintage and perfectly going, going, gone.

Fermentation: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations in open-top wood and stainless steel tanks. Limited pre-ferment maceration, followed by minimal, but targeted temperature and punch-down intervention.

Elevage: 100% barrel aged for 17 months plus, in 14% new French oak. Racked and bottled in February of 2022.

Ageability: Drink now to seven years and think about getting it some air in the first three.

Vineyards: Our **St. Dolores Estate** (12 years), **Temperance Hill** (41 years) and **Gemini Vineyard** (29 years). They are All dry-farmed.

— *Jim Prosser*
Owner/winemaker

Alcohol: 13.25%
pH: 3.48
cases: 700
release: April 2022