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WILLAMETTE VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

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Alcohol: 13.25% pH: 3.43

**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 additional volume and elegance we added 2019. We even added a skosh of 2021. 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.

**& AGEABILITY:** Racked and bottled in February of 2022. 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*