

*J. K. Carriere*  
W I N E S

**2009 CUVÉE LOLA**  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR**



- Thesis:** All wrapped up.
- The Cliff Notes:** The wine is deep red-garnet with a vibrant first nose of Bing cherry, pencil shavings and agave, followed by earth, dark toast, oiled sandalwood, dust and pepper-tree. In the mouth it's a concentrated muscular attack of dark cherry-berry on a super supple red frame. Very long and complex with plenty of fairly polished tannins the wine just keeps on reverberating through the finish.
- The Story:** My wife and I were granted a blessing during the harvest of 2009, my daughter Lola. Her mother asks her all the time what it is that's wrapped around her little finger. As it turns out, no surprise, it's her father. She is the best thing I didn't know that I needed. And I can't now imagine it otherwise. This wine is my best and doesn't come close to the person that I know, and hope, her to be.
- Cases Produced:** A two-barrel blend representing three of the best vineyards in my cellar = 49 cases
- The Building of:** Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 19 months in French oak barrels (25% new, 50% twice-filled, 25% neutral). Bottled, unfinned and unfiltered, in April of 2011.
- Alcohol: 13.75%                      pH: 3.64
- Ageability:** Absolutely decant to get it air within its first three years. Well cellared, you should anticipate additional complexity during its first 10- to 15-year drinking horizon.
- Vineyards:** **Temperance Hill's** (30-year-old) later and cooler high-elevation vines deliver old vine complexity with fresh acidity. **Shea Vineyard's** (11-year-old) warm mid-slope vines deliver optimal ripeness and **Gemini Vineyard's** (18-year-old) rich vigorous soil delivers red is red is red from the opulent end of the spectrum.

— *Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker*