

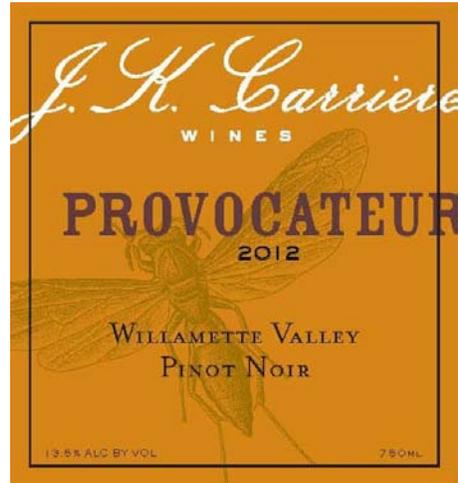
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## 2012 PROVOCATEUR WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Thesis:	Let them paint you ripe cherry and devour you.
The Cliff Notes:	The wine glows vibrant, hi-tone garnet red in glass with a nose dense with cherry, blueberry, fresh rose and the spice of dried hay. The palate is a trifecta of ripe fruit, vibrant acidity and juicy availability. Cherry, blueberry, boysenberry, blond spice and jerky fairly dance across your receptors. Power and strength, balanced by smoothness and length, lead to refinement.
The Name	Provocateurs, true stimulators, are by their nature rare. Of any year in the last decade, we'd challenge you to tell us this bottle is not adequately named.
A Story:	I believe Vintage 2012 is the "time" reference in the saying, "These are the good times!" It would have to count amongst a handful of years in any winemaking career that could claim a perfect combination of balance and grace. It was a year in which everything grew well (vines, weeds, mildew, pests), and provided vignerons were on top of their game, delivered ripe -- hopefully not overripe -- beautiful, grapes.
Stats:	Alcohol: 13.5%                      pH: 3.60
Fermentation:	Small-lot wild yeast fermentations in open-top stainless steel tanks. Limited pre-ferment maceration, followed by minimal, but targeted temperature and punchdown intervention.
Elevage:	100% barrel aged for 17 months in French oak, 12% new, 8% one year, 7% two year, 73% older. Racked and bottled, unfined in February 2014.
Ageability:	Drink now to 2020 and think about getting it some air in the first three years.
Vineyards:	A blend of six vineyards, <b>Black Walnut</b> (9 years), <b>Louis Vineyard</b> (8 years), <b>Gemini</b> (21 years), <b>Barron-Wahl</b> (10 years), <b>JKC Estate</b> (4 years), <b>Anderson Family</b> (22 years)



— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker