

J. K. Carriere

W I N E S

2014 Antoinette Limited Bottling Pinot Noir



Thesis: “Sir, this red power beacon has been set on stunning!”

The Cliff Notes: This wine is a bright light-red. The nose is reserved, a reflection of its infancy. That said, the wine reveals savory black cherry with hints of grilled meat and gunpowder. The palate throws brilliant cherry, offers great mouth-watering red acid, and then lingers on a crazy good mouth feel. Shhh...drink.

The Story: This wine, named after my grandmother Antoinette, is the best descriptor of my winemaking trajectory. Acid and elegant, stylistically it’s the wine I want to make.

The Building of: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (three new, one once-filled, four older). Bottled, unfined and unfiltered, in March of 2016.

Ageability: Absolutely decant to get it air within its first three years. Well cellared, you should anticipate additional complexity during its first 15 years with a potential 12- to 20-year drinking horizon.

Vineyards: **Temperance Hill’s** (35-year-old) later and cooler high-elevation vines deliver old-vine complexity with fresh acidity. The vines are from the front block east, the oldest at Temperance, and their massive root systems go deep to deliver both high flavor and nuance to the limited yield.

— Jim Prosser
Owner/winemaker

Alcohol: 13.75%
pH: 3.54
Production: 193 cases
Release: November 2016