

# J. K. Carriere

W I N E S

## 2014 St. Dolores Estate Limited Bottling Pinot Noir



- Thesis:** A red quasar. Really? Doesn't disprove we're not astrologists.
- The Cliff Notes:** This wine is dark ruby. The nose delivers straight-up ripe cherry. Substantial, formidable, serious, pick your descriptor. We'd cover wall to ceiling with this resinous red if "cherry paint" were a thing. The trim would be caramel. And we'd paint the back door with vibrant acid and ripe tannin, because that's what lingers on and on.
- The Story:** Our mom's name is Dolores. She's from Canada, and raised seven kids, hence our honor to her. This wine well warrants its inaugural release from our 40-acre estate vineyard. Young vineyards can be bombastic, but are seldom highly complex. Cognizant, we willingly played humble-pie for a few years until both young beauty and complexity showed themselves to be worthy of the name.
- The Building of:** Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (one 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:** Our **St. Dolores Estate's** (2009) high-elevation, dry-farmed vines (Chehalem Mtns. AVA, Parrett Mtn. district) deliver both high structure and juiciness to the wine, a rare combination. This wine comes from our 10+10 and Tunnel blocks, Pommard-clone Pinot noir, grown on volcanic soils
- Jim Prosser  
Owner/winemaker*
- Alcohol:** 13.75%  
**pH:** 3.56  
**Production:** 135 cases  
**Release:** Fall 2016