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Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.52

THESIS: Yep, it's okay to be caught off-guard.

THE CLIFF NOTES: Medium ruby red is its color. Cinnamon, Bing cherry, and freshly sharpened pencil waft from the surface. On the palate it mounts an attack that can only be described as a longed-for-ambush. What? Yeah, it's a surprisingly bombastic mouthful of freshly ripened red fruit: raspberry, currant, strawberry, red plum and cherry. Fresh, vibrant, intense and gulpable are words that come close. There's a whole lot of background sophistication, absolutely no stupidity and forever drinkability here. Go long Jimmy.

THE NAME: Provocateur, because mischief is often oh so attractive.

A STORY: In 2017 Oregon continued a string of warm and powerful vintages. We tend to think of them as stair steps of increasing quality, each a little better since 2013. Color, acid and fruit intensity are all high. We could have easily made it boozy, but it turns out intention is also a choice.

FERMENTATION & ELEVAGE: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations in open-top stainless steel tanks. Limited pre-ferment maceration, followed by minimal, but targeted temperature and punch-down intervention.

AGEABILITY: Drink now to seven years and think about getting it some air.

VINEYARDS: Farming is 97.3% of the game. Represented here are: Our **St. Dolores Estate** (10 years), **Temperance Hill** (38 years), **Gemini** (26 years) and **Louis Vineyard** (13 years). Take no shortcuts, lower your inputs, dry farm your land, and let Mother Nature transcend.

—Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker