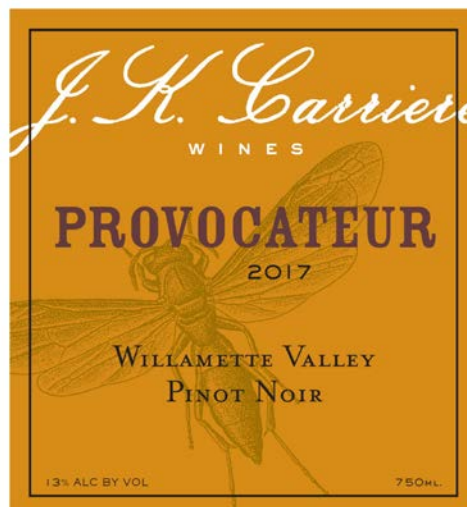


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W I N E S

## 2017 Provocateur

*Willamette Valley Pinot Noir*



**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:** 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.

**Eleveage:** 100% barrel aged for 17 months in French oak: 13% new, 15% one year, 11% two year, 61% older. Racked and bottled, unfined and unfiltered in February of 2019.

**Ageability:** Drink now to seven years and think about getting it some air in the first three.

**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

Alcohol: 13.5%  
pH: 3.52