

J. K. Carriere
WINES

ST. DOLORES

2017

JKC ESTATE VINEYARD

CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA
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ALCOHOL: 13.75% PH: 3.53

THESIS: Neither grouper, nor intelligence, is caught near the surface. It swims deep.

A STORY: My mom Dolores, even at 85, has the greenest thumb of anybody I know. My sisters, including Linda, think we might stand a chance of catching up. I'm doing my part with 38,000 vines, but Mom just laughs at me, and grows a lush high-desert garden in an old pool, making habitat for mourning doves.

THE CLIFF NOTES: This luscious red is deep violet in color. The nose throws earthy matsutake mushroom, malted barley & peat, vibrant raspberry, cherry pixie stix and a hint of firecracker. The palate is ripe Queen Anne cherries, grilled meat, oiled wood and Kirschwasser. There is well moderated structure and a deep undertone/baritone that hints at power.

THE BUILDING OF: Six- to eight-barrel-lots, wild-yeast fermented in stainless steel, 100% barrel aged for 16 months: 14% new, 43% one year, 43% older. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in February 2019.

AGEABILITY: Decant to get it some air within its first three years. This wine should easily climb in complexity beyond a dozen years.

VINEYARDS: Our dry-farmed, organic, **St. Dolores Estate** (9 years) continues to bring that anomaly of structured *and* juicy. The depth and breadth is really starting to pick up in our estate offering — our hill, our hands, our vines, our land.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker