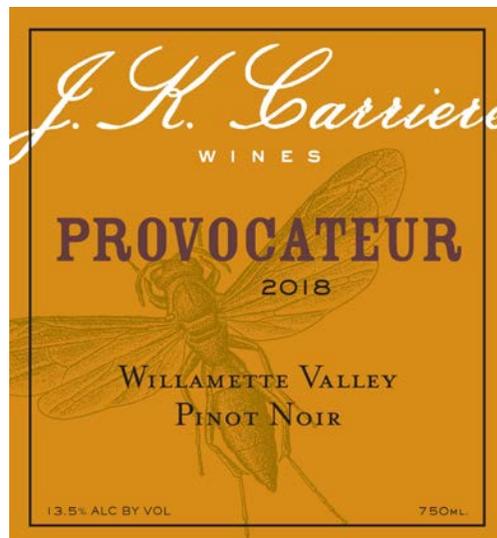


# J. K. Carriere

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## 2018 Provocateur

Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



**Thesis:** Split lip cherry picker

**The Cliff Notes:** The color is deep beet red with a waffle cone nose of concentrated cherry, spice, plum and grilled meat. Experientially, it's almost as if you had got popped in the mouth in a cherry orchard at harvest — by which I mean, concentrated-saline-Bing cherry on vibrant acidity. The fine emery board texture beautifully meets the acid-laced structure and finishes long.

**The Name:** Provocateurs are, of course, troublemakers. Think of them as emissaries occupying a permeable border between the lands of outright bad and self-righteous good. Now then, who's up for a trip?

**A Story:** The growing year of 2018 was sunny, warm and powerful, offering a smaller-ish crop, a veritable bruiser, headed for a boozier. Luckily, early September stepped in with some refrain, just in the nick of time, and gave us a week of chill temps that reined in the grapes. The result is pretty massive, but not over-the-top wines that maintain reasonable elegance. Muscles are not the question, but can you also move your feet.

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

**Elelage:** 100% barrel aged for 17 months in French oak: 15% new, 10% one year, 12% two year, 63% older. Racked and bottled, unfiltered in February of 2020.

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

**Vineyards:** Our **St. Dolores Estate** (11 years), **Gemini** (27 years) and **Louis Vineyard** (14 years). These three, as all of our vineyards, are dry-farmed. Go Mother Nature.

— Jim Prosser  
Owner/winemaker

Alcohol: 13.5%  
pH: 3.60