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Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.60

**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. 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 troublemakers. Think of them as emissaries occupying a permeable border between the lands of outright bad and self-righteous good. 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, and gave us a week of chill temps that reined in the grapes. Muscles are not the question, but whether or not you can 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.

**ELEVAGE & AGEABILITY:** 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. 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

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