

**2021 Provocateur**  
*Willamette Valley Pinot Noir*



**Thesis:** a.k.a. .... a winner by knockout

**The Cliff Notes:** The color is red ruby. The nose presents cherry-raspberry-guava with a hint of warm tan oak spice. The palate portrays movement, starting as fully ripe seductive cherry-peach and moving to darker savory grilled meats, soy and graham. It's substantial with a medium-plus attack, good acid linearity, a sweet fruit core and finishing on particularly refined polished tannins. A *village* level wine playing well above its fighting weight.

**The Name:** Provocateurs, yes troublemakers, may disguise themselves as flutists, possibly even piccoloists, but beware their uppercut-left hook.

**A Story:** The 2021 vintage presented a reasonably warm growing season with moments of intense heat and yet wines of surprisingly amazing grace. This wine is a collection of the more obvious barrels of the cellar ready for their debut from the get-go.

**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:** 100% barrel aged for one year in in 6% new French oak. Racked and bottled unfinned and unfiltered in September of 2022.

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

**Vineyards:** From our **St. Dolores Estate** (13 years), **Gemini Vineyard** (30 years), **Johan Vineyard** (19 years), and **Temperance Hill** (42 years). All our vineyards are dry-farmed.

— *Jim Prosser*  
Owner/winemaker

Alcohol: 13.00%  
pH: 3.58  
cases: 2199  
release: October 2022