

MEMORIAL DAY. I RAN INTO A MAN THE OTHER DAY, AND HE GAVE ME A GIFT.

Late in a day of driving the county looking for vineyard land I stumbled upon a huge planting, replete with reservoirs, that heretofore, I'd only heard about. Curious, I pulled in, and after a time a car came driving towards me. It was an old man, old as dirt, and a dog. I shut off my car, rolled the window down. His dog's name was Chuck. He didn't give one.

They had come to look at the geese. Sometimes he and Chuck would find them on the water, sometimes on the near side nibbling grass. Occasionally Chuck would chase them, and they both enjoyed the scene, even if the birds simply flew away. He said that farmers didn't like 'em, ate their grass seed, but mused there seemed to be enough grass to go around. He'd hunted them for years, though on the coast-side they tasted fishy when you cooked 'em, as his wife had. She'd been gone nearly two years now, said he missed her. Repeated that he missed her a lot and looked west into a low sun.

He told me that if he could just get his hands on a saw and buck some timber, like he'd spent a lifetime doing in the Tillamook Burn, all would be well. He told me of the time his partner had taken sick, and he kept on for nearly a month keeping pace and pay with a two-man crew, log for log, until the buckmaster culled him for cutting too fast and making too much at \$1100 a thousand. He told of old Oregon, on Trask Mountain where he fell a fourteen-foot-wide Douglas Fir after two and a half days of cutting on an uphill lie with an eleven foot bar, and when she went there wasn't a toothpick holding her upright, just the breeze. Two years later it was still at the railhead, too big to load on a car. He could've ripped it, quartered it actually, they just never asked him.

In time he raised a folded two-day-old newspaper clipping which held the death of his wife's friend and caretaker. A woman known to give hugs to every person at the community hall in Yamhill, she was only fifty-six, and he thought to attend the service. He mentioned his wife had believed in religion and honestly hoped she had got to where she wanted to go. He smiled remembering how his wife and the woman would get together to exercise in

front of the television and laugh. Of the whole church business he wasn't as sure. "I'd be happy to die tomorrow, but someone needs to be around to look after Chuck."

"I've got a place and thirty-eight acres of timber a couple miles up the road. I'd like to die there," he told me. "Since my wife's passing I've let the place go. It's harder. The doctor thinks I should have somebody check up and help out, but there's no sense in making anyone else have to deal with the place." Hesitantly, he told of a recent flat tire, fixing it into the night, feeling pain, going home to a bath, only to discover a badly blue leg that wouldn't walk and couldn't drive. He knew it was silly, calling the ambulance instead of driving, especially since they made him stay in town for a month and a half. He said he was lucky that folks liked Chuck, as he was the only dog allowed in the facility. "My misses has been gone for two years," he said, "two years." "I could use someone to take care of Chuck," and by omission, expected of a man of that age and time, I think he also meant himself.

"Well, better go," he said. I'm thinking I'll give Chuck a bath...give him a bath whether he needs it or not. We just came to see the geese." He waved, started the car and headed west into that low sun. He'd given me his story, he'd given me his time, and I'd lent an ear. It was a needed and honest exchange. Sometimes one wonders about this breaking-the-tape-on-the-starting-line-of-summer holiday. Perhaps that's the way we should all hope to be memorialized, the way community and generations are passed, just two men on a road taking the time.

Jim Prosser
Owner/Winemaker/Wanderer
J.K. Carriere Wines

AVAILABLE
MAY 15

glass
WILLAMETTE VALLEY
WHITE PINOT NOIR

THESIS: It's all that you want in a big beautiful white. Crazy, it's just not white.

THE CLIFF NOTES: At a glance it's a golden peach that throws the light. It's a tri-part nose of earth, mineral and fruit aromas: spiced peach, wet rocks, citrus, yeast, jasmine, kiwi, musk melon and an ever-so-slightly-burnt crust of bread. First impression is bright and vibrant, lemon, lemon drop, lemon zest... but you are not yet dismissed. Into the fray is thrown an immensely weighty mouthfeel, a bit of savory and pure-form tangerine — yes, tangerine — on stunning acidity. All you never expected to find is here. It's long, lively, weighty and persistent, finishing with a refreshing spritz. Easy comparisons you'll also not find, even amongst your high-end whites.

2005 vintage, \$20 bottle/\$216 case, 279 cases

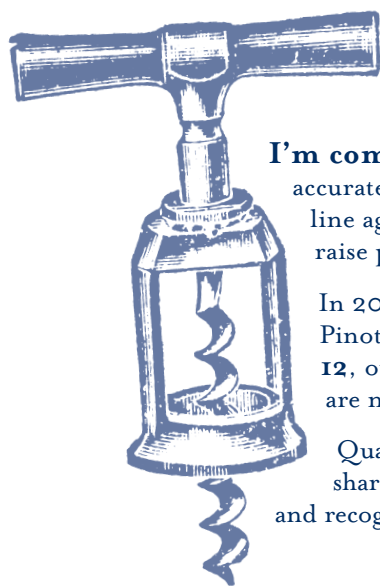
PROVOCATEUR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

THESIS: Yes, I'll take the full-meal-deal, and please, add a side of nitroglycerin.

THE CLIFF NOTES: With its bright garnet color and somewhat demure spice nose, this wine screams youth. Boysenberry, cherry, chocolate, and black pepper are delivered to the nose. On the palate, a fast flowing river of acidity and kicking minerality carries cranberry, cherry, and red current past the tributaries of dark toast, oiled wood and butterscotch, eventually depositing them with great mouthfeel on a beach of fine tannin.

THE NAME: Provocateur is French for troublemaker. We believe a full life should include some time spent wearing that moniker. Our grandfather's face is on the label. He lived a full life.

2004 vintage, \$24/bottle, \$252/case, 425 cases



PRICING AMNESTY

Join 12 by June 1 and you can benefit, too!

I'm committed to absolute quality, an expensive proposition. The question — or more accurately, the struggle — is how to set a bottle price that is fair. After seven years of holding the line against increasing costs (grapes, bottles, corks, et al.) it's become apparent that it's time to raise prices on some J.K. Carriere wines. And I thought you'd like to hear it straight.

In 2006, bottle prices on our Glass White Pinot, Provocateur Pinot, and 2004 Willamette Valley Pinot will increase to \$20, \$24 and \$42, respectively, before discount. All existing members of 12, our wine club, will receive this year's wine shipments at last year's prices. For those of you who are not yet members, we'll extend that pricing amnesty if you join the club by June 1, 2006.

Quality is still backed by my grandfathers' names. Price is still ultimately bound by my desire to share a glass with you, look you in the eye, and not have to look away. I've appreciated your support and recognize you have choice. I don't take that lightly. — Jim

12 WINE CLUB

Join 12 and you will receive 12 bottles of J.K. Carriere wine throughout the year. Three bottles of each new J.K. Carriere release will be sent automatically to your home or office prior to the wine's official release. You'll also receive wine club pricing on any additional bottles purchased, invitations to members-only events at the winery, and the opportunity to schedule VIP tours and tastings. Sign up by filling out the middle portion of the order form on the facing page and mailing or faxing it in. As wines approach their release date, we'll alert you by email to your impending wine shipment. Each shipment is billed separately to your credit card. Don't miss another J.K. Carriere limited wine. **Join 12 today!**

J.K. CARRIERE WINE CLUB RELEASE SCHEDULE	BOTTLE PRICE	QTY	CLUB PRICE 2006*	CLUB PRICE 2007
May: Glass	\$20	3	\$45	\$54
May: Provocateur	\$24	3	\$48	\$63
Sept: Willamette Valley	\$42	3	\$90	\$105
Nov: Limited Bottlings	\$65	3	\$173	\$173
Total		12	\$356	\$395
*Must join by June 1, 2006				

J.K. CARRIERE ORDER FORM:

Complete and fax to 503/460-0579, or mail with a check to:
 P.O. Box 662, Sherwood, OR 97140.
 Questions? Call 503/554-0721 or e-mail jim@jkcarriere.com.

WINE

Please indicate desired quantity

PRICING:	QTY	EACH	3 BOTTLES	6 BOTTLES	12 BOTTLES	TOTAL
2005 Glass Willamette Valley White Pinot Noir, 750 ml		\$20	\$57	\$111	\$216	
2004 Provocateur Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, 750 ml		\$24	\$69	\$132	\$252	
2001 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, 750 ml, library stock		\$40	\$115	\$215	\$400	

12 WINE CLUB



SIGN ME UP! I want to join I2, J.K. Carriere's wine club. I understand I will receive three bottles of four J.K. Carriere new releases each year (3 Glass & 3 Provocateur, 3 Willamette Valley, 3 Limited Bottlings), for a total of 12 bottles (\$356 if signed up before June 1, 2006; \$395 after June 1; excludes shipping). My credit card will be billed at the time of each shipment, and wine will be shipped to my home or office three times a year. Start my membership with 3 Glass & 3 Provocateur.

Please ship via DHL Ground (weather permitting) or DHL Air (overnight) or pickup at winery

I want to give a one-year gift subscription to I2. Please send the current release to the individual listed below in "for shipping only." My gift card message is at the bottom of this form.

\$93.00
This Shipment

SHIPPING

	1-3 BTLS	4-6 BTLS	7-12 BTLS	TOTAL
DHL Ground Shipping (amounts shown represent the maximum you would be billed; actual amounts may be lower)				
Portland metro	\$12	\$15	\$20	
West Coast	\$15	\$18	\$25	
Midwest	\$18	\$25	\$32	
East	\$25	\$28	\$40	
DHL Air Shipping (usually overnight)	\$40	\$50	\$65	

ESTIMATED TOTAL INVOICE

Name: _____

For Shipping Only

E-mail: _____

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Phone: _____

Company: _____

Billing Address: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This order is a gift. Please send the receipt to my billing address, and enclose a gift card that reads: _____

Phone at shipping location: _____

Visa/MC/AmEx: _____

Expiration Date: _____

THE DOTTED LINE

SIGNATURE (required) X _____

By signing this order form, you represent to us that you are at least 21 years old and that the person to whom you are directing shipment is at least 21 years old. The buyer is solely responsible for shipment of alcoholic beverage products. We make no representation relative to your right to import wine into your state. By placing an order, you authorize us to act on your behalf to engage a common carrier to ship your order, including the possibility of an adult signature requirement at your door.

MEMORIAL DAY...

Join us in the old barn for our twice-annual open house May 27-29 (Saturday & Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm, Monday 11 am to 3 pm). This is your best chance to pick up our just-released 2005 Glass White Pinot and 2004 Provocateur Pinot. Italia Fine Living presents their superb cheeses. Mention you received this newsletter and we'll **waive the \$5 tasting fee**. 30295 Benjamin Road (1/2 mile north of Newberg, see the website, www.jkcarriere.com, for complete directions.), 503/554-0721.

...AND BEYOND

Planning a weekend of wine tasting? Add J.K. Carriere to your route. Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of our **summer hours**, Saturdays through September. Sit-down tastings at 11:30 and 2:30. Seating is limited so please call ahead. Touring and tasting is also available by appointment. Please call 503/554-0721 or email jim@jkcarriere.com.

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