

## OREGON WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### J.K. CARRIERE NEWBERG



**OVERVIEW** | Winemaker, Jim Prosser, came to winemaking through the cellars of eight great Pinot producers in Oregon, New Zealand, Australia and Burgundy and is guided by three principles. 1) Think about pinot as food and remain mindful of the acidity that allows the pairing. 2) From the vineyard to the bottle all decisions are made on taste and personal experience, as opposed to lab results or someone else's focus group. 3) The winemaking must be backed by hard science to ensure a clean, competent and ageable experience for their customers.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 3000 cases

**TOP SITES:** *Temperance Hill, Anderson Family, Gemini, and Shea*

**SOIL TYPES:** *various volcanic soils*

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** *pinot noir, chardonnay*

For its first ten years, J.K. Carriere operated from a historic barn nestled in a working hazelnut orchard in Yamhill County, Oregon. In November 2007, J.K. Carriere purchased 40 acres of grape-growing land on the southeast flank of Parrett Mountain, about three miles due east of its original location, in the Chehalem Mountains AVA. The groundbreaking on the new winery took place in September 2008, the first vineyard blocks were planted in March 2009, and grand opening took place in September 2009.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Prosser's wines are made utilizing wild yeast fermentations, wild malo-lactic, no fining, and no filtering. Blocks are kept separate and when stable, just as in Burgundy, they blend. If a single lot is both complete and distinctly expressive, he considers a single-vineyard bottling. Otherwise the wines undergo six weeks of rigorous blending trials and comparisons before the final wines emerge.

**WINES** | **Chardonnay Willamette Valley** - Known for pinot noir, Jim quietly began making a small amount of classic chardonnay in 2005, built in an old-world style, with a dominance of savory and mineral over fruit. Barrel fermented cold and aged in older French oak barrels, it delivers high flavor, high acid and no obvious oak.

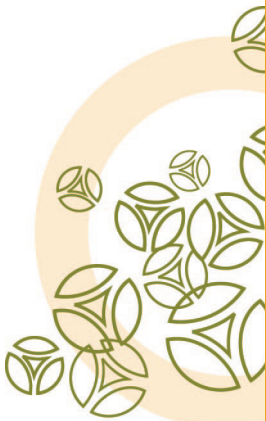
**Glass** (White Pinot Noir) - An unpretentious, utterly dry and serious rosé. It's fashioned in the manner of a turn-of-the-century rosé Champagne, with no bubbles, a slight spritz and a luscious ripe sip-of-summer taste.

**Pinot Noir Provocateur Willamette Valley** - A wallet-friendly Pinot noir has more than enough verve to pull friends away from the other bottles on the counter and make them ask, "Wow, what the hell was that wine you brought?"

**Pinot Noir Willamette Valley** - The cornerstone of this winery. A beautifully balanced blend of Pinots from multiple sources.

**Pinot Noir Antoinette** - Named for Jim's grandmother, this limited bottling is always a balance of elegance and structure.

Single Vineyard Pinot Noirs from vineyards such as Anderson Family, Gemini, and Shea.



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