

# J. K. Carriere

W I N E S

## 2012 VESPIDAE

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR



**Thesis:** Multi-generational smolder:  
Ingrid Bergman, Natalie Wood,  
Jessica Alba

**A Story:** Vespidae (ves-puh-day): Latin  
name of the family of wasp trying  
to kill me.

**The Cliff Notes:** Dark ruby in color, the wine throws earth and deep cherry taffy straight at your nose. Vibrantly expansive, it well balances weight, persistence and fruit across a bursting mouth of Bing cherry and cinnamon. On structure, think tongue on super-smooth teeth.

**The Vintage:** The 2012 vintage in Oregon was a tall poppy. If you were on your game, it delivered a smallish crop with that ideal combination of power and grace. We almost always find it beneficial to be on our game.

**The Building of:** Six- to eight-barrel-lot wild yeast fermentations in stainless steel, 100% barrel aged for 17 months, 10% new, 11% one year, 13% two year, 66% three year or older. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in late February of 2014.

**Ageability:** We absolutely recommend that you consider decanting to get it some air within its first three years. This wine should easily climb in complexity beyond ten years.

**Vineyards:** **Temperance Hill** (33 years) brought old-vine complexity, **Shea Vineyard** (14 years) ripe dark fruit, **Brooks Estate** (14 years) deep red fruit and **Alloro Vineyard** (8 years) fresh acidity.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker

**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**pH:** 3.54  
**Cases Produced:** 1243