

ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR, FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD



100% Pinot Noir. Deep ruby color. Pungent dark cherry and cassis aromas with roasted spice, sweet earth and clove notes. Initially the spice and rich dark cherry penetrate your palate with an impressive depth of flavor. The richness of ripe tannin and acidity reveals the power of this famous site. The suppleness of the fruit and earth notes extend into a very balanced and lengthy finish. Best served with richly flavored red meat entrees like steak, roast beef, duck and leg of lamb. Organic.

Freedom Hill Vineyard is located in the foothills of the Coast Range, 10 miles SW of Salem, Oregon. During the day warm air rises from the valley floor ripening the skins. At night, cool ocean breezes retain acidity. Planted on old sedimentary soils, the vines have a SW exposure at an elevation of 520' to 580'. The grapes come from two blocks, one planted in 2004 and one planted in 2008. The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in stainless steel with no SO₂, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine is aged in French oak barrels, 27% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity.

St. Innocent began as an idea conceived in a moment of passion and inspiration in 1983. Mark Vlossak spent the next five years studying, taking classes, and apprenticing with Oregon wine pioneer, Fred Arterberry. In 1988, St. Innocent Winery was founded with a goal to produce wines that respect the quality and tradition of the Old World in one of the newest and most exciting wine growing regions on the planet: Oregon's Willamette Valley. Mark Vlossak is founder, president and winemaker of St. Innocent Winery in Salem, Oregon. He oversees the vineyards and represents St. Innocent in the national marketplace. Mark's exposure to wine began at the age of seven when he began tasting wines daily with his father, a wine importer. During his university training, he developed a love for Champagne. After reading an article in 1983 on American sparkling wine in Bon Appetit magazine, he was inspired to become a winemaker. St. Innocent has grown from 600 cases in their first year to their current production of 10,000 cases, yet each wine is still handcrafted.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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