

# ST. INNOCENT PINOT BLANC, FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD



100% Pinot Blanc. Lush aromas of fresh cut apples, pears, nutmeg, peach skin and melon. It is immediately bright on your palate with ripe peach, pear tart, allspice and hints of hazelnut. While filling your entire mouth with fruit and spice, it is especially rich over your tongue refreshing your palate. The pear and spice notes persist into a soft and elegant finish. Pairs wonderfully with rich fish and shellfish dishes, especially mussels. Organic.

Freedom Hill is located in the foothills of the coast range 10 miles southwest of Salem, Oregon. The vineyard was planted in 1993 on a well-drained silty clay loam. It has a southwest exposure at an elevation of 475' and benefits from heat rising off the valley floor. Produced in a style to accentuate texture and ripe fruit flavors. The must was fermented 19% in barrel and 81% in tank and aged for eight months on the lees.

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:*

