

# ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR, TEMPERANCE HILL VINEYARD



100% Pinot Noir. Dark ruby color. Its nose is full with dark cherry and berry notes. Fragrant lilac and iris aromas are complimented with hints of allspice, sweet herb and chocolate. Very fresh and concentrated on the palate with sweet red fruits, pungent ground spices and hints of red peppercorns. Supple tannins with an almost sweet acidity linger, along with the black cherry and spice flavors that slowly fade into its finish. Pairs best with salmon, lamb chops, pork tenderloin and simply-prepared grilled foods. Organic.

Temperance Hill Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, ten miles NW of Salem, Oregon. This exposed, cool high altitude site ripens later than surrounding vineyards. Our Pinot Noir grapes come from three blocks planted on thin weathered basalt. The East Block, planted in 1984, is on a steep hill rising to 870'. The "R" (2004) and Pump House Blocks (1995) face south. The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless steel fermenters with no SO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine is aged in French oak barrels, 21% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

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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