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PINOT NOIR

Villages Cuvée

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BV-OR-144
ALCOHOL 14.2% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

2012

Willamette Valley, Oregon

2012 Pinot noir

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Release Date: November 15, 2013

Retail Price: \$26.00

Production: 1,621 cases

Bottled: September 2013

Alcohol: 14.2%

Suggested Pairings: grilled salmon, quail, pork tenderloin, and pasta dishes with full-flavored preparations.

**Aging Recommendations:
Up to 6 years**

Available Bottlings:
• 750 mL Bottles

Vineyard Sources

Our Villages Cuvée is produced from Pinot noir grapes grown in Oregon's northern Willamette Valley. At its core are grapes grown at Vitae Springs Vineyard, a cool site on thin volcanic soil located in the hills south of Salem, Oregon. Fruit from other sites are blended to create a Pinot noir that complements rich white meat and fish dishes. To enhance this match, we blend to maximize both the spectrum of flavors and length on the palate while minimizing the use of new oak. The composition for this bottling is: Vitae Springs Vineyard 56%, Zenith Vineyard 28%, Freedom Hill Vineyard 6%, and Momtazi Vineyard 10%.

Production Notes

After two days of cold maceration the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine aged for 12 months in 14% new French oak barrels and was bottled by gravity without fining or filtration.

Vintage Notes

2012 began with a cool spring and record precipitation in June. This caused a slightly delayed bloom that was interrupted by cool, wet weather that extended the period of flowering. The result was diminished berry fertilization and some bunch stem necrosis. This reduced both the absolute number of clusters and the number of berries per cluster, thus significantly reducing the crop. Spring was followed by a beautiful sunny, warm, and dry summer, with the longest dry period in the Willamette Valley's history - over 104 days. The lovely weather continued into October with harvest occurring mid-month. The grapes achieved ideal ripeness and wines have lovely ripe tannins, moderate alcohols and nice acidity. This is one of Oregon's very best vintages.

Tasting Notes

The Villages Cuvée Pinot noir reflects the signature of Oregon's 2012 vintage: very full-flavored and texturally rich wine that has immediate appeal as well as the structure to age. The percentage of fruit from Vitae Springs Vineyard increased in 2012 giving it a broader signature of red fruits with a fresh, juicy acidity. It has a nose rich with red and dark fruit, spices, and dark flowers. It is layered in the mouth with sweet cherry and red berry flavors with pepper, spice, and dark floral notes.