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PINOT NOIR  
WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

ZENITH VINEYARD

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

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA

# 2012 Pinot noir

## *Zenith Vineyard*

**Release Date: May 24, 2014**

**Retail Price: \$42.00**

**Production: 1310 cases**

**Crop Level: 2.1 tons/acre**

**Harvested: October 7 to  
October 12, 2012**

**Bottled: February 2014**

**Alcohol: 14.2%**

**Suggested Pairings:  
Lamb, pork, grilled salmon**

**Aging Recommendations:  
Up to 15 years**

**Available Bottlings:**

- 750 mL Bottles
- 1.5 L Magnums
- 3 L Jeraboams



**LIVE  
CERTIFIED  
SUSTAINABLE**

### **Vineyard Notes**

Zenith is our estate vineyard. It is centrally located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA 8 miles NW of Salem, Oregon. Grapes for this wine come from 9 blocks. Most of the blocks face SE, allowing the fruit to heat up early in the morning. One faces SW and is warmer in the afternoon. Four different clones of Pinot noir are planted: Pommard, Wadenswil, 115, and 777. All the blocks lie on old sedimentary soil at an elevation of 300'.

### **Production Notes**

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the fermentations to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 29% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity and without fining.

### **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**

Our Estate wine, the 2012 Zenith Vineyard Pinot noir, has heady and pungent red and dark red berry, bright floral and sweet spice aromas with dried cherry and cranberry notes in the background. Lush dark red fruits illuminate your entire mouth followed by a darker halo of fruit, ground allspice, and forest flavors. Its broad texture over your upper palate with supple tannin, juicy acidity, and a lovely length of concentrated fruit are a signature of this site. Its concentration into the finish gently fades and remains juicy with spice and dark cherry flavors.