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PINOT NOIR

Villages Cuvée

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ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BW-OR-144  
ALCOHOL 13.0% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

Willamette Valley, Oregon

# 2013 Pinot noir

## *Villages Cuvée*

**Release Date: November 1, 2014**

**Retail Price: \$26.00**

**Production: 2,210 cases**

**Bottled: September 2014**

**Alcohol: 13%**

**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. Fruit from our estate vineyard - Zenith - and 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. This 2013 vintage is comprised of: Zenith Vineyard 48%, Vitae Springs Vineyard 22%, Temperance Hill 12%, Freedom Hill Vineyard 10%, Momtazi Vineyard 4%, Shea Vineyard 4%.

### **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**

2013 began quickly with a warm spring and bloom in early June, about two weeks earlier than normal. A moderate summer followed with relatively low disease pressure and a large crop. After significant thinning, we looked forward to harvesting in late September. It rained about two inches between 9/4 and 9/5; moisture we needed to keep the plants active and help finish the ripening process. On September 21 the grapes were very close to perfect ripeness. The clouds moved in again and it began showering intermittently for the next week. On 9/28 a major storm brought four inches of rain over the next 48 hours. On October 2nd, the sun returned with sunny and dry weather for the next three weeks. Depending on the level of ripeness at each vineyard location, we picked before, during, and well after the rain in late September.

### **Tasting Notes**

The 2013 Villages Cuvée Pinot noir returns to the "red wine with white meat and fish" profile Mark intended for our multi-site Pinot noir. The percentage of fruit from Vitae Springs Vineyard decreased in 2013 because of crop failures due to frost and rain during bloom. Almost half of the Villages Cuvée came from mature plantings at our estate, Zenith Vineyard. This is the first time Shea and Temperance Hill wines were included giving it a broader and more layered profile. It has a nose with nuanced red cherry, berry and cola with, ground spices, menthol, anise, and fresh cut flower notes. It is layered in the mouth with tart cherry, cranberry, wild berry flavors with dark spices, earth, and hints of coffee, cedar, and sassafras.