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PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

ZENITH VINEYARD

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BW-OR-144
ALCOHOL 13.9% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA

2014 Pinot noir

Zenith Vineyard

Release Date: May 28, 2016

Retail Price: \$42.00

Production: 1546 cases

Crop Level: 2.9 tons/acre

**Harvested: September 19th to
September 28th, 2014**

Bottled: February 2016

Alcohol: 13.9%

**Suggested Pairings: A wide
variety of meat and pasta
dishes including lamb, pork
and grilled salmon.**

**Aging Recommendation:
Up to 15 years**

Available Bottlings:

- 375mL
- 750mL
- 1.5L Magnums
- 3L Jeroboams



**LIVE
CERTIFIED
SUSTAINABLE**

Vineyard Notes

Zenith is our Estate vineyard and located 9 miles NW of Salem, Oregon. The grapes for this wine come from various blocks, most of them face SE and warm 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.

Production Notes

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO₂, allowing the fermentations to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 21% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity and without fining.

Vintage Notes

The 2014 season began with sunny and warm spring weather. Bloom occurred in the second week of June, about 10-14 days earlier than normal. Good weather during bloom set a normal to large crop requiring thinning at about half of our vineyard sites where we removed 20-50% of the clusters. The summer continued to be warm with more 90⁺ days than normal. Extra vigilance in the vineyard was required in July due to humidity that increased the mildew pressure. We began the harvest with Oeil de Perdrix on September 12th, closely followed by Chardonnay on the 17th and the first Pinot noir on the 19th. The last Pinot noir from Temperance Hill Vineyard arrived on October 8th and the final Pinot blanc from Freedom Hill Vineyard arrived on 10th. This was our largest harvest ever: 240 tons of fruit resulting in 13,200 cases of wine. With clean, ripe, and very flavorful fruit we were able to create bright and pleasurable wines.

Tasting Notes

Balanced aromas of white flowers, cardamon, red berries, and dried leaves intertwine in the nose of the 2014 Pinot noir, Zenith Vineyard. A broad mixture of red berries coats your palate along with sweet spice, and a more visceral red floral base note. Very fresh acidity and broad sweet tannins create a broad and lengthy finish to this well structured Pinot noir, Still young, its fruit will become even more forceful over the next 6-12 months amply rewarding the patient.