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PINOT NOIR  
WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY  
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BW-OR-144  
ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

2015

## 2015 Pinot Noir

### *Freedom Hill Vineyard*

**Production: 1258 cases**

**94 Points - Vinous**

**Crop Level: 2.9 tons/acre**

**Harvested:  
September 12th and 19th,  
2015**

**Bottled: March 2017**

**Alcohol: 13.5%**

**Suggested Pairings: Richly  
flavored red meat entrees like  
steak, roast beef, duck and  
leg of lamb**

**Aging Recommendation:  
Up to 12 years**

#### **Vineyard Notes**

Freedom Hill Vineyard is located in the foothills of the Coast Range, 10 miles SW of Salem, Oregon. During the day warm air rises from the valley floor ripening the skins. At night, cool ocean breezes act to retain acidity. Planted on old sedimentary soils, the vines have a SW exposure at an elevation of 520' to 580'. Our Pinot noir comes from two blocks, one planted in 2004 with Pommard and Wädenswil and one planted in 2008 with 777.

#### **Production Notes**

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in 4-8 ton stainless steel 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, 26% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

#### **Vintage Notes**

The summer of 2015 started off with intense heat that faded off into a very warm and sunny season. Harvest began early with us first picking fruit on September 2 in cooler conditions. Yields were about 15% higher than normal. We continued to harvest throughout September and finished by the end of the month. The balance of flavor, tannin, acid, and sugar were as perfect as I have seen in 29 years. I am excited to see how the wines develop.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Dense dark ruby colored. The nose is a landscape of fresh berry fruit in the wild. You can almost smell the sun-drenched leaves and ripe dark berries in all their glory. At five years from vintage its rich structure, cherry/ berry robustness of its fruit and earthy-humus minerality underneath has integrated beautifully. This is a big wine for big flavored dishes and is my choice for steak.