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PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

TEMPERANCE HILL VINEYARD

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

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA

2014 Pinot noir

Temperance Hill Vineyard

Release Date: May 28, 2016

Retail Price: \$36.00

Production: 1147 cases

93 Points – Vinous – December 2016

92 Points – Washington Wine Blog – April 2017

91 Points – Wine Enthusiast – June 2016

90 Points – Wine Advocate – June 2016

Crop Level: 2.5 tons/acre

**Harvested: September 27th
to October 8th, 2014**

Bottled: January 2016

Alcohol: 13.5%

**Suggested Pairings:
Salmon, lamb chops, pork
tenderloin and simply
prepared grilled foods.**

**Aging Recommendation:
Up to 12 years**

Available Bottlings:

- 750mL
- 1.5L Magnums
- 3L Jeroboams

Vineyard Notes

Temperance Hill Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, ten miles NW of Salem, Oregon. This exposed, cool high altitude site ripens later than surrounding vineyards. Our Pinot noir grapes come from three blocks planted on thin weathered basalt. The East Block planted in 1984 is on a steep hill rising to 870'. The "R" (2004) and Pump House Blocks (1995) face south.

Production Notes

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless steel fermenters with no SO₂, allowing the fermentation 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 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

The 2014 Pinot noir, Temperance Hill is dark ruby in color. Its nose is full with dark cherry and berry notes. Fragrant lilac and iris aromas are complimented with hints of allspice, and sweet herb and chocolate. Very fresh and concentrated on the palate with sweet red fruits, pungent ground spices and hints of red peppercorns. Supple tannins with an almost sweet acidity linger along with the black cherry and spice flavors that linger and slowly fade into its finish. This is a vintage with **spectacular clarity** for this cool, late ripening vineyard. It is one of the best wines I have made from this site. Beautiful now, it will continue to provide pleasure for more than a decade.