



PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD

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

2019

2019 Pinot Noir *Freedom Hill Vineyard*

Production: 1117 cases

Crop Level: 2.4 tons/acre

Harvested:
September 26th and Oct
1st 2019

Bottled: April 2021

Alcohol: 13.5%

Suggested Pairings:
Richly full flavored
entrees like New York
steaks, leg of lamb and
roasted vegetables

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 SO₂, allowing the fermentations to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 24% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

Vintage Notes

Moderate spring weather was followed by a wet June that extended into early July. Temperatures were mostly moderate during the summer with few heat spikes compared to vintages before or after 2019. Unfortunately, higher humidity during the late summer brought significant mildew pressure at especially Temperance Hill and Momtazi vineyards where 1/3 of the fruit was removed because of disease. We began picking for sparkling wine on September 20th with Chardonnay following on September 23rd and 24th. The Pinot noir harvest began with Freedom Hill on September 26th and ended with the last block at Temperance Hill on October 12th. The fruit was mostly clean and ripe with nicely developed tannins. Cooler temperatures during picking resulted in wines with medium weight and good balance.

Tasting Notes

The Pinot noirs from Freedom Hill Vineyard are on a roll. Both the 2019 and the upcoming 2020 are beautiful examples from this great site. The 2019 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill has dense spice and broad dark fruit aromas. On the palate there are dark red fruits balanced by ripe tannins. These flavors slowly meld into exotic sweet earthy notes. Built for richly flavored dishes and always my pick for grilled or roasted red meats, it is also lovely with chocolate desserts.