



PINOT NOIR

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA

TEMPERANCE HILL VINEYARD

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, JEFFERSON, OREGON, BW-OR-144
ALCOHOL 13% BY VOLUME, CONTAINS SULFITES.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Technical Details

Production: 1047 Cases
Crop Level: 2.5 tons/acre
Harvest: 9/21/21 - 10/4/21
Bottled: 4/3/23
Alcohol: 13%
Aging: Up to 12 years

Reviews & Scores

92 pts, Vinous

Youthfully coiled, slowly evolving with scant black cherries, grilled herbs and a tinge of crushed stone. This is racy and sleek with lean red berry fruits and tactile mineral tones, all guided by brisk acidity. It leaves a flowery concentration that coats the palate as gently grippy tannins resonate on. Patience will be required.

94 pts, International Wine Report

Another wonderful Pinot Noir from the winemaking team of St. Innocent. It boasts a bright ruby-garnet core with a lighter purple rim and starts off with aromas of macerated strawberries, wet earth, dried flowers, and shades of dark chocolate. More blue-fruited on the palate with gobs of sweet spice and earthiness that hit the back palate on the finish. Tannins are present but well integrated and should help this wine age wonderfully for the next 8-10 years.

93 pts, Wine Enthusiast

This elegantly balanced beauty will make you forget all about temperance. The wine's Twin Peaks aromatic special of pie cherries and a cup of coffee lead to flavors of tart blackberries, lemon zest and a wee bit of black tea and balsa. Serve this wine with anything coming off the backyard grill.

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Trade Focus: Certified Organic fruit. Excellent match for grilled or wood-fired dishes, especially with marinated & grilled salmon.

Vineyard

Temperance Hill Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, ten miles NW of Salem, Oregon, and is organically farmed. This exposed, cool high-altitude site ripens later than surrounding vineyards. Our Pinot noir grapes come from two blocks planted on thin weathered basalt. The East Block planted in 1984 with Pommard clone is on a SE facing hill rising to 870' and the "R" block planted with Pommard, 667, and Wadenswil clones in 2004 is on a gentle south slope.

Production

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in 4-8 ton stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO₂, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 15% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

Harvest

The "message in the bottle" for our 2021 Pinot noirs is density. Four short periods of high temperatures spaced through the summer of 2021 resulted in added stress in the vines and increased concentration in the wine. Thankfully, the harvest period was cool resulting in broad flavors, nicely balanced acidity and moderate alcohols.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Temperance Hill Vineyard is a cool, high altitude, windy site on volcanic soils. The soil effect is clear in its nose, resplendent with red and dark red fruits, followed by broad ground spice aromas that come from afternoon cool winds. The mouth begins moderately and then ramps up with loads of sweet tannin, pungent dark flower petals, allspice, clove and nutmeg. It is clear that more is hidden in its youth and I expect this to age beautifully.