



## PINOT NOIR

### Villages Cuvée

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

2023

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

### Technical Details

Production: 966 Cases  
Bottled: September 2024  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Aging: Up to 8 years

### Reviews & Scores

#### 92 pts, Owen Bargreen

*The 2023 'Villages Cuvée' Pinot Noir comes from a range of sites throughout the Willamette Valley. Dusty volcanic soils mark the nose alongside bay leaf, orange peel and rich red fruits. The palate is beautifully textured and lithe with a polished texture. This is a terrific value that will drink well for at least another eight years. Stored in only 8% new French oak. Drink 2025-2032*

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## VILLAGES CUVÉE

WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

**Trade Focus:** Our entry-level Pinot noir made to be balanced for both red and white meat dishes. A perfect example of the 2023 vintage in the Willamette Valley.

### Vineyard

Our Villages Cuvée is produced from Pinot noir grapes grown in Oregon's northern Willamette Valley. Fruit from four Willamette Valley vineyards are blended to create a Pinot noir that is expressive in its youth. For the first time ever, our 2023 Villages Cuvée Pinot noir includes fruit from our estate, Enchanted Way Vineyard. This inclusion has elevated the flavor profile of the resulting wine, with the character of our estate vineyard dominating the nose and the palate. We blend to maximize both the spectrum of flavors and length on the palate while minimizing the use of new oak.

### Production

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 8% of which were new, for 12 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

### Harvest

After a cold, wet and early spring, bud break was delayed to late April. The spring warmed up rapidly and we experienced huge growth in our cover crop. Bloom was mid-June and the summer was dry and warm. Rain was welcomed in late August to get the vines working again. Most of our Pinot noir was picked in the last ten days of September.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The Pinot noir, Villages Cuvée has sweet spice aromas with lovely black cherry, smoky berry and dark rose notes. Juicy and pungent flavors of dark cherry, wild strawberry, allspice, and cinnamon with a touch of smoke fill your mouth. Beautifully balanced with soft tannins and fresh acidity, the finish slowly fades into subtle dried fruit and spices. Still young now the wine will fill out through the winter and into the spring. This is my favorite wine for Thanksgiving and flavorful white meat dishes. It is just as good with burgers, brats and pizza.