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## PINOT NOIR

### Villages Cuvée

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

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

## 2024 PINOT NOIR, VILLAGES CUVÉE WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

*Trade Focus:* This entry-level Pinot noir emphasizes balance and food-friendliness, making it an ideal match for both red and white meat dishes. Fresh, vibrant, and accessible, it is intended for early enjoyment.

### Technical Details

Production: 1434 cases

Harvest: Sept/Oct 2024

Bottled: September 2025

Alcohol: 13.5%

Aging: Drink now, or up to 7 years

Vineyards:

- 17% Enchanted Way Vineyard
- 14% Freedom Hill Vineyard
- 17% Shea Vineyard
- 28% Momtazi Vineyard
- 35% Temperance Hill Vineyard

### 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

2024 began with two frost events in April, at both Freedom Hill Vineyard and our Estate, Enchanted Way Vineyard. These occurred after bud break, killing the young shoots. Secondary shoots pushed three weeks later, delaying the harvest from the affected vines. Our Estate has much younger plants, and those shoots did not produce fruit. Bloom for the rest of the sites and unaffected vines occurred in mid-June, a return to normal timing after several early vintages. The first fruit, from our Estate, was picked on September 17th. Next were sparkling wine grapes on September 24-24th. Chardonnay followed with Pinot noir from Shea on the 28th. Over the next week, most of the Pinot noir was harvested. The last fruit of the vintage was picked on October 10th. In general, the fruit was ripe and clean, with well-developed flavors. Overall, the yield was moderate, with 124 tons harvested, yielding about 6,900 cases of wine.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Lovely dense, dark ruby color. Beautiful and charming nose of red and dark red fresh fruits, and red flowers, with hits of clove, nutmeg, and cedar. Broad and rich dark fruits cover your palate with savory forest trees and sweet earth below. There is a significant density throughout your mouth, which is not common in a wine at this price point. The flavors linger through the finish, expressing ripe skin tannins. Drink with a wide variety of savory foods and expect this to age over many years.