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PINOT NOIR

Villages Cuvée

2025

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ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

2025 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: 2042 cases

Bottled: September 2026

Alcohol: 14%

Vineyards:

- 36% Freedom Hill Vineyard
- 33% Momtazi Vineyard
- 21% Enchanted Way Vineyard
- 10% Temperance Hill Vineyard

Aging: Drink now or up to 8 years

Production

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in small stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO2, allowing the fermentations to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 4% of which were new, for 12 months before bottling without fining.

Harvest

2025 continued a trend of early vine growth, with bloom beginning in the second week of June. The summer was dry with moderate temperatures. No days reached triple digits. This allowed the plants to move smoothly through summer without stress. We began picking the Estate Chardonnay on 9/12; the first Chardonnay from Freedom Hill Vineyard was picked on 9/14. The first Pinot noir came from our Estate as well as the 777 clone from Freedom Hill Vineyard on the 19th. Shea Pinot noir came two days later. We picked all of our Pinot noir by the end of September. Harvest ended with Riesling on October 8th. September temperatures were moderate, allowing the fruit to develop nice flavors. Other than small rain events on 9/5 and 9/29, the weather cooperated, and the fruit was clean.

We purchased extra fruit from Momtazi and Freedom Hill Vineyards allowing us to increase the production of Pinot noir, Villages Cuvée. Those sites added weight and darker fruit quality to the Villages Cuvée.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Deep ruby colored. The nose is very dense while transmitting a significant level of charm… like the perfect scent of perfume in a crowd. Dark red berries, wild strawberries with an overlay of garam masala and English tea roses. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and full, with concentrated berries, plum, and warming spices reminiscent of Chai. The tannins are fully ripe, with a beautiful core of juicy acidity that evolves into a quietly satisfying, lingering finish. I am frankly proud to share a wine of this quality, uncommon at this price point… and history has demonstrated that our Villages Cuvée ages beautifully over a decade.