St.Innocent Willamette Valley



These judiciously oaked Pinots, which in this case do not show like the spawn of hot years, are consistently in the upper tier of New World Pinot Noir, especially if one favors elegance over power. Vlossak's pricing regimen is also truly Old World in its fairness, which deserves a tip of the hat.

-Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, February 2022

Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

Glistening magenta. Spice- and mineral-accented raspberry, boysenberry and cherry aromas are complemented by suggestions of five-spice powder and candied rose. Seamless, energetic and appealingly sweet, offering concentrated red and blue fruit, exotic spice and floral pastille flavors braced by a smoky mineral undertone. Shows superb definition and floral lift on the penetrating finish, which is framed by supple, harmonious tannins.

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Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

Dark, bright-rimmed scarlet. Mineral-accented raspberry, cherry and exotic spice aromas are complemented by a potpourri note and a hint of smokiness. Shows impressive energy and definition on the palate, offering vibrant red berry, bitter cherry, rose pastille and spicecake flavors supported by a spine of smoky minerality. Finishes impressively long and taut, with an intriguing blood orange flourish and discreet tannins.

94 pts-Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, February 2022

Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

Brilliant red. Pungent red currant and cherry aromas are complemented by suggestions of pungent flowers and freshly turned earth. Chewy and taut initially, offering bitter cherry, red berry and rose pastille flavors that turn sweeter and stretch out through the midpalate. Shows fine delineation and youthful tannic grip on the long, spice- and mineral-tinged finish, which echoes the cherry note.

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