

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 Reynolds, Vinous Media, February 2022



Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Mark Vlossak draws from windswept and shallow-soiled blocks at Temperance Hill, where the plantings date to 1984. This bottling is slow to rouse, earthbound and tobacco-scented. The fruit takes on a balsamic tone after a day of air, while the turf and cherry flavors feel balanced against each other, the warmth of the vintage translating to generous fruit and ripe but firm tannins.

93 pts-Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, May 2022

Limpid ruby-red. Mineral-tinged black raspberry, cherry cola, pungent flowers and exotic spices on the highly perfumed nose. Palate-caressing red and dark berry, spicecake and candied rose flavors show superb clarity, underscored by a vein of juicy acidity. Concentrated but distinctly lithe in character, with a strikingly long, focused finish that features sneaky tannins and reverberating floral and spice notes.

94 pts-Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, February 2022

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Vivid garnet. Boysenberry, cherry liqueur, exotic spice and floral scents are energized by a building mineral quality. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering concentrated red and blue fruit, spicecake, lavender pastille and licorice flavors that turn livelier with air. Gently chewy tannins frame the long, juicy finish, where the floral and spice notes return.

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Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

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Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Prepare yourself. This wine is absolutely out of this world. It defines the best of this wine region (sub-AVAs included). I feel like this is what winemakers saw in the 60s when they were planting this grape even though others said don't even try. Its soft depth of fruit will make you swoon. The fleshiness will coat your palate as the slight tannic grip releases. It's a tough one to write about, you just need to try it.

96 pts- Vinepair.com, "25 of the Best Pinot Noirs for 2023," March 2023

A highly perfumed bouquet invokes fresh raspberry and boysenberry, pungent flowers and exotic spices, and a spicy nuance builds as the wine opens up. There's a compelling blend of power and finesse to the appealing sweet red and blue fruit and floral pastille flavors, which firm up slowly through the midpalate. Closes snappy, youthfully chewy and impressively long, with reverberating floral and spice notes and well-knit tannins that add framework and final grip.

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