



## ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD

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St. Innocent produces small-lot, handmade wines. The winery has a 47.5-acre property in the South Salem Hills and has planted 15.5 acres of their own vines. Mark Vlossak, owner, planted it one vine at a time via a drilled hole, all 15.5 acres—without earth-moving equipment, bulldozing, or grading. His focus is on Pinot Noir—it comprises some 70% of what he makes; in addition, there's a bit of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc.

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### VINEYARD

- Site:** Freedom Hill Vineyard is located in the foothills of the Coast Range in the Mt. Pisgah, Polk County AVA. During the day warm air rises from the valley floor ripening the skins; at night, cool ocean breezes act to retain acidity.
- Soil:** Old sedimentary soils.
- Vines:** From two blocks, one planted in 2004 with Pommard and Wädenswil and one planted in 2008 with 777. These vines have a southwestern exposure at an elevation of 520 to 580 feet.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

### CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Destemmed grapes were fermented in four to eight-ton stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the fermentations to process naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine ages in French oak barrels (24% new) for 16 months before bottling without fining.
- Production:** 1,100 cases,
- Profile:** A dark, red-fruited, earthy nuanced and solidly structured Pinot Noir.