



## ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR MOMTAZI 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:** Momtazi Vineyard is located in the McMinnville AVA.
- Soil:** Thin, poor soils.
- Vines:** From four blocks at the top of the vineyard on steep, exposed, and windblown hillsides planted in 1999 and 2004. The vines have a south and southwestern exposure at an elevation of 680-760 feet. The vineyard is certified biodynamic by Demeter.
- 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 (21% new) for 16 months before bottling without fining.
- Production:** 1,150 cases,
- Profile:** Undercurrents of earth and savory spice are hallmarks of the Momtazi Vineyard.