



## ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR TEMPERANCE 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:** Temperance Hill Vineyard is located very high in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. It's a cool site that ripens very late and is exposed to direct winds through the Van Duzer Corridor off the Pacific Ocean.
- Soil:** Thin, weathered basalt.
- Vines:** From three blocks: the East Block planted in 1984 on a steep hill rising to 870 feet, the "R" (2004) and Pump House Blocks (1995) face south.
- 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 (22% new) for 16 months before bottling by gravity and without fining.
- Production:** 777 cases.
- Profile:** Sweet spice aromas and dark red fruit notes.
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