

St. Innocent Willamette Valley



Blanc de Blancs 2019

The 2019 Blanc de Blancs is understated in the glass, as nuances of green melon and kiwi are complemented by minty herbs and citrusy spice. Elegance defines the feel, with a bead of finely etched bubbles and ripe pit fruits complicated by a cascade of crisp mineral tones. The finish is wickedly fresh and perfumed, tapering off with admirable length and floral persistence.

92 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

The 2019 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill Vineyard dazzles the senses with a seductive array of crushed black cherries, blood orange, sage and hints of flowery undergrowth. This impresses further with its juicy personality, combining with depths of ripe red berry fruit as an air of cola and violet pastille forms toward the close. Still gently tannic, the 2019 leaves notes of black tea and citrus to mingle through the long and potent finale.

94 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Mark Vlossak has been drawing from Temperance Hill vineyard since 1994. His latest bottling is light and glossy, with a lifted red-cherry scent and a fine, toffee'd caramel note. With air, spice and tobacco flavors fill in the broad middle palate, only to tighten up nicely with the typical tannic firmness of the site. Give it some cellar time to allow those tannins to integrate.

92 pts-Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, Spring 2023

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

The 2019 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard seduces with a sweetly scented bouquet of dusty violets, lavender, dried black cherries and baking spice. Dark red and blue fruits swirl across a core of cooling acidity as this displays textures of pure silk, coming across as elegant and refined throughout. The 2019 continues to captivate through the finish, closing with a coating of sweet tannins and an air of blue and purple-toned florals that lingers on and on. In a word, superb.

94+ pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

This pinot is compact and sleek when first poured, the caramel and tobacco aromas forming a frame around spiced red cherry. As it opens, a cool savor comes through in the firm, earthy tannins. For a lean cut of steak.

93 pts-Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, Spring 2023

Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

The 2019 Pinot Noir Momtazi Vineyard is dark and brooding, opening with an earthy blend of woodland berries, cedar shavings, wild herbs and cloves. This mixes sweet and sour sensations as ripe red berry fruits sweep across the palate in silken textures, contrasted by a tinge of sour citrus and saline minerals toward the close. It leaves a resonance of violet candies and edgy tannins to linger on, finishing with admirable length and a pleasantly chewy sensation.

93 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Tarry and dark, this wine has an assertive burst of red-cherry flavor in the middle palate, framed by vanilla-y oak, the texture seductively plush and broad. For the cellar.

91 pts- Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, Spring 2023

Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

Depths of crushed ashen stones and grilled herbs give way to zests of tangerine and sour cherry as the 2019 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard comes to life in the glass. This is silky-smooth, but it steps lightly, seeming to hover across the palate with ripe wild berry fruits neatly and a hint of inner cedar. Minty herbal tones resonate with a note of cocoa as the 2019 finishes long, juicy and wickedly fresh. It's almost impossible to stop at just one glass.

93+ pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

A very pinot-like nose expresses its aromas of both red and dark berry, spice, earth and a whiff of exotic tea. The supple, delicious and vibrant middle weight flavors aren't particularly dense (though they're by no means dilute) with ample punch, focus and precision on the betterbalanced, dusty and lingering finale where the only nit is a hint of warmth. This is lovely and worth checking out.

92 pts-Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, 3rd Quarter 2024, issue 95

Burly and supremely flavorful, Shea vineyard fruit plays to Mark Vlossak's strengths, making for a dark spicy wine with Dr. Pepper scents, hints of sassafras and carob, ushered along by assertive oak notes. The palate is vinous but velvety, packed with flavor yet delivered with surprising precision.

93 pts-Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, Spring 2023