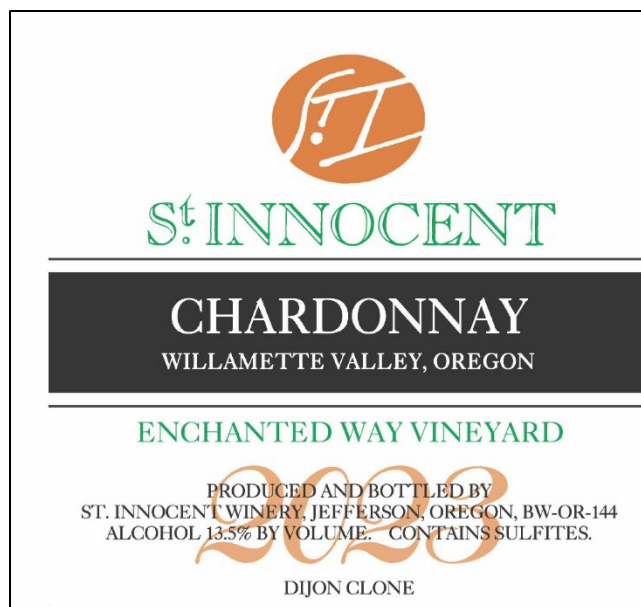


St. Innocent Willamette Valley



Enchanted Way Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

The 2023 Enchanted Way Vineyard bottling of chardonnay from Mark Vlossak at St. Innocent was barrel-fermented with native yeasts and raised for eleven months on its fine lees in cask, with eleven percent of the barrels new oak this year. It tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane and offers up a beautifully refined bouquet of lemon, pear, fresh almond, a lovely foundation of soil, acacia blossoms, white lilies and a discreet touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and racy, with superb depth of fruit at the core, lovely soil signature and grip, a fine girdle of acidity and impeccable balance on the long, precise and complex finish. This is still emphatically a young chardonnay and truly deserves at least a couple of years' worth of cellaring to allow the wine to blossom. That said, it is already pretty easy to drink while it is in climbing mode! 2026-2050.

93+ pts-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2026

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Blanc 2023

Saint Innocent's 2023 Pinot Blanc from the Freedom Hill Vineyard is raised in a combination of a quarter stainless steel tanks and three-quarters in Acacia wood foudres, with the two components blended after eight months of aging on their own. The 2023 version comes in at thirteen percent octane and offers up a complex bouquet of apple, nectarine, a lovely base of soil, white flowers and a deft framing of Acacia wood. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied, complex and gently woody, with a good core of fruit, fine acids and a long, well balanced and focused finish. I do not have any idea how this wine ages, but to my palate, the use of Acacia wood here for the foudres covers up the soil elements in the wine a bit more than oak would. That said, perhaps this is just a characteristic of the wine in its youth and the Acacia will settle into a supporting role with a bit of bottle age. The wine certainly has the balance to age very well indeed. If the soil elements rise up with a bit of cellaring, my score will seem conservative! 2025-2040.

89+ pts-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2025

The 2023 Pinot Blanc Freedom Hill Vineyard wafts with a nuanced blend of dried flowers, nectarines and wet stones. It is round and soothingly pliant, with ripe orchard fruits offset by a distinct saline tinge. A bump of fresh acidity maintains energy as the 2023 leaves a citrusy resonance through the medium-length finish.

89 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Temperance Hill Vineyard Riesling 2023

The 2023 Riesling Temperance Hill Vineyard is remarkably pretty, as nuanced floral tones give way to lemon sorbet, mint and a hint of stone dust. It washes across the palate with ease, displaying lovely inner sweetness and ripe pit fruits energized by a core of zesty acidity. Perfumed and long yet wickedly fresh, this Riesling finishes with admirable length while calling the taster back to the glass for more. A total pleasure to taste.

91 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025