

St. Innocent Willamette Valley



Blanc de Blanc 2020

The 2020 Blanc de Blanc is sweetly floral and airy in the glass as white smoke gives way to peach sorbet and gingery spice. It is elegant on the palate, with silken bubbles and vividly ripe apricot and nectarine underscored by crisp mineral tones. Pretty inner florals linger as the 2020 tapers off wickedly fresh, leaving an enriching note of raw almond to fade. 2026-2033.

93 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2026

Mark Vlossak's 2020 Blanc de Blanc is made entirely from chardonnay grown in the Temperance Hill Vineyard, with the grapes harvested early to provide proper raw materials for sparkling wine. The vins clairs are fermented and aged in a combination of stainless steel and an acacia wood thousand liter cask for nine months prior to bottling up for secondary fermentation. The 2020 was disgorged between August and December of 2025. The wine's bouquet is bright and precise, hopping from the glass in a mix of pear, lemon, almond, a lovely base of soil tones, white flowers and a nice touch of acacia wood. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied and still fairly youthful, with a fine core of fruit, good soil undertow, zesty acids, pinpoint bubbles and a long, complex and very nicely balanced finish. While it is certainly approachable today, I would tuck this wine away for another couple of years of cellaring to allow its girdle of acidity to relax a bit more and the wine's secondary layer of complexity to start to emerge. It is a lovely wine. 2026-2040+.

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

Crémant Rosé 2020

The 2020 Crémant Rosé entices with dusty dried flowers, nuances of ginger and wild strawberries. Sharply focused and acid driven, it offers a wash of cleansing bubbles and tart orchard fruits elevated by a tinge of sour citrus. Tension reverberates throughout, zesty and fresh yet long, leaving the palate salivating for another lip-smacking sip.

91 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Freedom Hill Vineyard Chardonnay 2020

A softly smoky note is present on the nose that is otherwise compositionally similar to the 2021 version. Here too there is good richness and volume to the expansive and delicious medium weight flavors that possess very good punch on the lingering, balanced, clean and attractively dry finish that exhibits a touch of austerity. This is lovely and while it too is already drinking well, 2 to 3 years of cellaring should only add to the overall appeal.

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

Fresh, zesty aromas of lime and pine needles are joined by a bit of earthiness and Corn Nuts, the toasted corn treat. There is a lemon-lime edge to the medium-bodied palate, with touches of chamomile tea and sugar cookies. The wine's acidity is still lively. Pair it up with a blanket and fresh goat cheese with a baguette.

93 pts- Michael Alberry, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2024