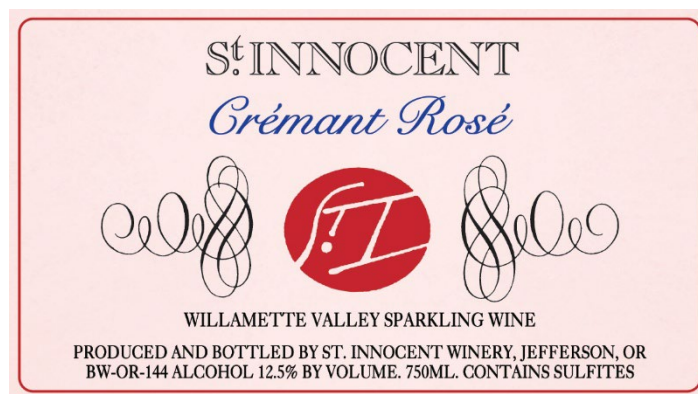


St. Innocent Willamette Valley



Crémant Rosé 2021

The 2021 Crémant Rosé Brut from Mark Vlossak is beautifully ruby in color. The wine is made primarily from pinot blanc, with a bit of still pinot noir blended into the cuvée to give the wine its beautiful hue. Both grape varieties are sourced from Freedom Hill Vineyard. The vins clairs were given eight months élevage prior to bottling up for secondary fermentation. The wine was given thirty-nine months aging sur latte prior to disgorgement and was finished with a dosage of three grams per liter. It offers up a lovely, vibrant nose of watermelon, cherries, sumac, rye bread, a lovely foundation of soil, incipient smokiness and a topnote of cloves. On the palate the wine is brisk, young and full-bodied, with a fine core of fruit, good soil undertow, frothy mousse, zesty acids and a long, complex, well-balanced and vinous finish. This deserves a few more years in the cellar to allow its girdle of acidity to relax a bit more. It will be a tasty bottle once it blossoms. 2028-2045.

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

The 2021 Crémant Rosé displays a translucent ruby color in the glass as a bouquet of navel orange, rose petals and wild strawberries draws me close. It's silken and round on the palate with a pretty inner sweetness and ripe wild berry fruits. This cleans up well, juicy yet firm, leaving nuances of violet pastille.

91 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2026

Crémant d'Innocent 2021

The 2021 Crémant d'Innocent wafts up with a savory blend of crushed rocks, field grasses and sliced green apples. It splashes across the palate with a chiseled bead of mineral-enhanced bubbles as tart orchard fruits swirl throughout. A tinge of sour citrus lingers as the 2021 finishes with cleansing precision.

91 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2026

Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

Mark Vlossak's 2021 Temperance Hill Vineyard bottling of pinot noir is every bit as dazzling today as it was a year ago. This is the highest elevation pinot noir vineyard in the Willamette Valley and nicely cool in profile, crafting a thirteen percent octane bottle from Saint Innocent in this vintage. The wine's bouquet has blossomed nicely in the year since I last tasted this excellent wine, wafting from the glass in a mix of red and black cherries, sweet dark berries, coffee bean, a complex base of soil, incipient notes of cola, woodsmoke and touch of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is still tightly-knit, but impeccably balanced and full, with a great core of fruit, superb soil signature and grip, ripe tannins, good acids and fine focus on the long, nascently complex and very promising finish. This will probably want a few years longer in the cellar than these other excellent 2021 pinots, but it is going to be an outstanding wine once it is ready to drink. 2037-2075+.

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

The 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill Vineyard is youthfully coiled, slowly evolving with scant black cherries, grilled herbs and a tinge of crushed stone. This is racy and sleek with lean red berry fruits and tactile mineral tones, all guided by brisk acidity. It leaves a flowery concentration that coats the palate as gently grippy tannins resonate on. Patience will be required.

92 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

This is a beautiful bottle of young pinot noir! 2035-2075+. Mark Vlossak's 2021 Pinot Noir "Freedom Hill Vineyard" bottling is moderately ripe, coming in at a fourteen percent octane in this vintage. The wine was crafted this year without any whole clusters and raised in twenty-two percent new oak. The wine's bouquet is deep and pure, offering up scents of red plums, red and black cherries, coffee bean, a beautiful base of soil tones, just a dollop of fresh thyme, incipient notes of brown spice, woodsmoke and a deft framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, pure, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with a fine foundation of soil tones, lovely acids and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, nascently complex and impeccably balanced finish. This is going to be stellar juice once it is ready to drink! 2035-2075+.

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

Like cracking open an ashen stone to find a bevy of autumnal spices, incense, dried citrus peels and sage, the 2021 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard makes itself known in the glass. This is silky and enveloping, nearly weighty in feel, matched by depths of ripe red and blue fruits that swirl across a stream of tantalizing acidity. Sweet mineral tones form a crunchy sensation toward the close as the 2021 leaves the palate reeling with spicy tension, tapering off tannic yet fresh. If you choose to pop the 2021 today, make sure to give it a good decant to allow its aromatics to fully open.

94 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

The 2021 Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir from Saint Innocent is a beautiful young wine. The wine is starting to blossom nicely on the nose since I last tasted it a year ago, offering up a deep and pure aromatic constellation of sweet dark berries, black plums, pomegranate, espresso, woodsmoke, a beautiful base of dark soil tones, incipient notes of cola, just a touch of sweet botanicals and a deft framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and shows a nice touch of meatiness, with a great foundation of soil, a lovely core of black fruit, good acids and tannin and a long, impeccably balanced and complex finish. This is a beautiful bottle of young pinot noir! 2035-2075+.

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

The 2021 Pinot Noir Momtazi Vineyard shows the dark nature of the variety, mixing depths of crushed blackberry with hints of pine, rosemary and dusty earth. This is model of elegance on the palate, velvety in texture yet lifted in feel, with silken wild berry fruits and minty herb tones neatly balanced by cool-toned acidity. Notes of blood orange emerge toward the close as the Momtazi finishes tannic and crunchy in feel, leaving the mouth watering for more.

94 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

The 2021 Shea Vineyard bottling of pinot noir from Mark Vlossak is another outstanding bottle in the making. It is a touch lower in octane than the Freedom Hill or Momtazi cuvées this year, tipping the scales at 13.5 percent alcohol. The wine was raised in twenty-two percent new barrels, fermented with native yeasts and bunches were destemmed. The wines shows a beautiful sense of sappiness and precision on the nose, which features more red fruity tones than either the Momtazi or Freedom Hill in this vintage, delivering scents of red and black cherries, red plums, raw cocoa, pigeon, fresh thyme, woodsmoke, a beautifully complex base of soil, peonies and just a touch of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, soil-driven and sappy at the core, with tangy acids, great focus and grip, superb mineral drive and a long, fine-grained and beautifully balanced, complex finish. This is a great bottle in the making. 2032-2075+.

94 pts-John Gilman, View from the Cellar, November-December 2024

The 2021 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard is an understated beauty, blending violet pastille with baking spices and crushed blackberries. This is a total pleasure on the palate, soothingly round, with pure red and blue fruits elevated by cooling acidity. Blue inner florals and sweet spices resonate through the finish as the 2021 tapers off gently tannic yet lively. A blackberry tinge lingers on the close.

93 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Freedom Hill Vineyard Chardonnay 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay “Freedom Hill Vineyard” bottling from Saint Innocent comes in at 13.5 percent alcohol in this vintage. It was barrel-fermented with native yeasts and raised entirely on used oak casks. The wine has started to reveal some of its secondary layers of complexity on the nose, offering up a superb and very floral blend of apple, pear, honeysuckle, acacia blossoms, lemon zest, a beautiful base of sedimentary soil tones, hazelnut and just a hint of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, precise and full-bodied, with a great core of fruit, superb soil signature and grip, a lovely spine of acidity and impeccable balance on the long, complex and vibrant finish. This is starting to drink brilliantly, but clearly has tons of life still ahead of it! A beautiful bottle 149 of chardonnay that definitely benefits from some decanting time, if one selects to drink it now. 2025-2045+.

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