

St. Innocent Willamette Valley



Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

The 2022 Temperance Hill Vineyard bottling of pinot noir from Mark Vlossak is a lovely example of this high elevation pinot noir vineyard, which is one of the coolest in the Willamette Valley. The wine was raised in twenty percent new oak in this vintage and tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane. Its aromatic constellation is pure and refined, wafting from the glass in a beautiful blend of sweet dark berries, black cherries, raw cocoa, gamebird, a gorgeous base of soil tones, violets, woodsmoke and a gentle touch of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, nicely structured and sappy at the core, with a great base of dark soil elements, fine-grained tannins, seamless balance, excellent grip and a very, very long, pure and beautifully precise finish. This is a great bottle of pinot noir in the making. All it will need is time to properly blossom in the cellar. 2038-2085.

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

The 2022 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill Vineyard is darkly floral, opening with a whiff of autumnal spices and sage that complement balsamic-tinged black cherries. It displays a vibrant, deep, saturating fruit profile supported by brisk acids as dusty Temperance Hill tannins mount toward the close. Exceptional length marks the finish, which remains structured and promises many years of positive evolution, though the 2022 is a bit forbidding today. A sleeping giant.

94+ pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

St. Innocent's lovely Freedom Hill Vineyard bottling of pinot noir hails from relatively young vines, as one parcel was planted in 2004 and the other in 2008. It was raised for sixteen months in nineteen percent new oak. The wine is beautifully pure and sappy on the nose, offering up a lovely black fruity bouquet of black cherries, plums, pomegranate, raw cocoa, a lovely foundation of dark soil tones, cedary oak and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is fullbodied and fairly tightly-knit today, with a lovely core of fruit, fine soil signature, firm, ripe tannins and a long, well balanced and youthfully complex finish. Despite this wine's aromatic generosity, it is still pretty buttoned up on the palate and demanding some cellaring time before it will stretch its wings. In due course, it will be excellent juice. 2038-2080.

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

The 2022 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard entices with an old-world bouquet of rose petals, worn leather, dusty earth and dried strawberries. Silken textures and ripe red berry fruits glide across the palate, underscored by chalky mineral tones. A cascade of inner florals resonates over a bed of fine tannins as the 2022 tapers off with outstanding length and structure. It remains fresh through and through. Have patience with this youngster.

93 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

The 2022 St. Innocent bottling of pinot noir from the Momtazi Vineyard comes in this year at 13.5 percent octane. Mark Vlossak completely destemmed the bunches prior to fermentation and gave this wine an élevage of sixteen months in French oak casks, with twenty-two percent of the oak new this year. The wine's bouquet is beautifully pure and transparent down to its soil, offering up scents of black cherries, dark berries, black tea, woodsmoke, a superb base of dark soil tones, peonies, a hint of balsam bough and a deft touch of new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with fine soil inflection and grip, a fine undercarriage of tannin and lovely focus and balance on the long and nascently complex finish. This is a beautiful bottle in the making, but it will want some hibernation time to blossom properly and soften up those tannins. Fine, fine juice. 2040-2080.

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

The 2022 Pinot Noir Momtazi Vineyard is impossible to ignore, opening with a burst of crushed black cherries, mint leaf, cedar shavings and blood orange that form its seductive bouquet. The palate is more poised yet classic in feel, with crisp red berries and rosy inner florals over a tensionbuilding saturation of edgy tannins toward the close. The finish is long and potent, leaving a licorice tinge and a saturation of primary fruit that adds chewy persistence. Intense.

94 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

Mark Vlossak's 2022 Shea Vineyard bottling of pinot noir is already a beautifully expressive wine on the nose, delivering a beautiful bouquet of cherries, pomegranate, a touch of beetroot, gamebird, lovely soil tones, just a whisper of fresh herb tones, rose petals and a gentle framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, pure, elegant and transparent down to its foundation of soil, with a lovely core of fruit, tangy acids, fine-grained tannins and impeccable balance on the long, complex and very classy finish. This wine was also aged sixteen months in French oak casks, with twenty-nine percent new for the 2022 vintage, which comes in at 13.5 percent alcohol. Once it is ready to drink, it is going to be superb. 2038-2085.

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

The 2022 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard is wild, with a burst of blood orange—or is that tangerine—crushed black cherries and minty herbs. More lifted in style, it excites the senses with zesty acidity and a pulse of ripe red and blue fruits that course across the palate, leaving a tactile staining of mineral in their wake. Edgy tannins resonate as the 2022 finishes long and staining yet still fresh.

93 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2025

Freedom Hill Chardonnay 2022

The 2022 Chardonnay “Freedom Hill Vineyard” bottling from St. Innocent comes in at fourteen percent octane in this warmer vintage. It was raised entirely in used casks, fermented with native yeasts and went through full malo. The wine’s aromatic constellation is beautifully expressive at four years of age, wafting from the glass in a complex blend of pear, a touch of fresh pineapple, almond, fruit blossoms, lemon oil, lovely soil tones and a gentle framing of vanillin oak from the older barrels. On the palate the wine is deep, pure, ripe and full-bodied, with a fine spine of acidity, a good base of soil tones, lovely focus and balance and a long, complex and vibrant finish. This is a lovely wine, but with its slightly higher octane than the 2021 version, I suspect it will not be quite as long-lived. 2026-2040+.

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

Freedom Hill Cuvée Cavalier Chardonnay 2022

The 2022 Chardonnay Freedom Hill Vineyard Cavalier Cuvée opens with vivid apricot and hints of pineapple enriched by white florals and sweet spice. The palate is more savory, mixing ripe apple with a stern mineral core. It finishes fresh and nuanced, leaving a sensation of liquid stone and a resonance of mint. 2026-2029.

91 pts-Eric Guido, Vinous Media, July 2

Mark Vlossak’s 2022 Cavalier Cuvée of chardonnay from the “Freedom Hill Vineyard” is crafted entirely from Dijon Clone and tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane in this vintage. Mark makes this bottling with a nod to his friend Didier Picq, one of Chablis’ finest winegrowers. The wine is fermented and raised exclusively in stainless steel and the 2022 is a new release of this bottling. The wine’s aromatic constellation offers up a refined and complex blend of pear, Meyer lemon, a beautiful base of soil, beeswax, white lilies, a hint of bergamot and a topnote of fresh almond. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and tightly-knit, with a great core of fruit, superb soil signature, a lovely girdle of acidity and a long, impeccably balanced and complex finish. This is already very tasty, but it has the structure to age superbly well and the wine will undoubtedly be a more complex wine five years down the road... just like a Didier Picq Chablis! Fine, fine juice. 2026-2045+.

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

Crémant d'Innocent 2022

The 2022 Crémant d'Innocent from Mark Vlossak at St. Innocent is made entirely from pinot blanc sourced from the Freedom Hill Vineyard. The vins clairs were given an eight month élevage in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling up for secondary fermentation. The wine was aged sur latte for twenty-eight months prior to disgorgement in the late autumn of 2025. It offers up a fine nose of pear, apple, a touch of brioche, a good base of soil and a topnote of dried flowers. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, frothy, focused and complex, with a good core and soil undertow and a long, zesty and very nicely balanced finish. Fine juice. 2026-2035+.

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