



ST INNOCENT WINERY



Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

Country:	United States	Region:	Willamette Valley, OR
Type:	Red	Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Format:	6 x 750ml		

BC	AB	SK	MB
+132423	+789386		
Speculative	Open		

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Vivid red.

Aroma: Highly expressive cherry and raspberry aromas touched by hints of flowers and spice.

Taste: Offering juicy, densely packed red and dark berry flavours that become more expressive as the wine opens. Shows a lavender quality on the strikingly persistent finish, which is framed by silky tannins.

Food: Ideal with duck and other game birds, casseroles or, of course, stews like beef bourguignon.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2021 ~ 93 Points. "A rather big, robust yet well-balanced red that wraps vivid red- and black-cherry flavors in medium tannins. Tangy acidity lifts the red raspberries and tart cherries on the palate over a surprisingly light, lean body." - Jim Gordon - James Suckling, Mar/2025

2021 ~ 92 Points. "The 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill Vineyard in 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." - Eric Guido - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, May/2024

2019 ~ 95 Points. "This wine is a testament to what happens when you match fruit from a great vineyard with a skilled winemaking hand. Raspberries, lilacs and blueberry honey form an aromatic Justice League, followed by similar flavors of raspberries, cacao nibs and lavender tea. The wine's acidity is still kicking, which is what you will be doing to yourself if you don't buy some." - Michael Alberty - Wine Enthusiast, May/2024

2019 ~ 94 Points. "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." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, May/2024

2019 ~ 93 Points. "Cherries, dried strawberries, rose hips and oyster shells on the nose. Some lemon peel. It's medium-bodied, tight and refined, with relatively firm tannins and a more mineral finish. Let it open. Drink from 2024." - James Suckling, Apr/2023

2019 ~ 92 Points. "Precise and well-knit, with deep flavors of cherry and guava highlighted by earthy mineral and black tea notes as this builds tension toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2030." - Tim Fish - Wine Spectator, Jul/2024

OTHER INFO

Situated at 860' atop the Eola Hills, this is our coolest and therefore latest ripening vineyard. Managed by Dai Crisp, one of Oregon's great grapegrowers, it is farmed organically. We have two older blocks: one high on an east facing ridge ("East", six acres), the other slightly lower and facing south ("Pumphouse", 1.5 acres). Another block, called the "R" block lies on a long, gently south facing field between the two ridges of the vineyard (4.5 acres). It was planted between 2006 and 2009 with the Pommard clones of Pinot noir on phylloxera resistant rootstock and at a higher density.



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