

# Club Cork Newsletter

## May 2006

This weekend is Memorial Day Weekend – the indication that summer is finally here (though the weather seems to be the real indication). We've been out on the deck most evenings this month, enjoying a nice outdoor fire and grilled meat or fish on the barbeque for dinner. Our wine taste buds have changed with the weather too – we tend to gravitate more towards crisp, refreshing whites and fruitier, medium-bodied reds this time of year. Our selection this month is sure to please any Memorial Day crowd – open and share – and celebrate the new season!

Enjoy! Emily & Mark Pelletier

If you are receiving 2 reds each month and would like to try our whites this summer, please call 549-2675 to switch over to 1 red, 1 white for the summer months.

**REMINDER:** Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the next delivery/pick-up date.

## Panther Creek Pinot Noir

\$25

Willamette Valley, Oregon

**About Panther Creek – Bednarik Vineyard:** Due to the longstanding contracts and relationships Panther Creek has maintained over the years, they are able to choose some of the best Pinot Noir vineyard sites in the

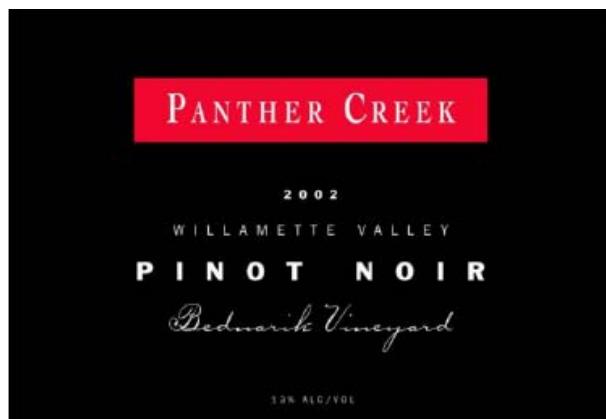
Willamette Valley, contract the highest quality blocks that yield the highest quality grapes, for their barrel select wine. Bednarik Vineyard is such a site, superbly suited for Pinot Noir. Its terroir produces a complex, exotic, spicy Pinot, with significant attractiveness in both its youth and middle age. The grapes are typically thinned at veraison to nearly half the normal yield, in order to produce the most concentrated flavors in the fruit. The soil type is Willakenzie, and the Pinot Noir clones are Pommard and Wadenswil.

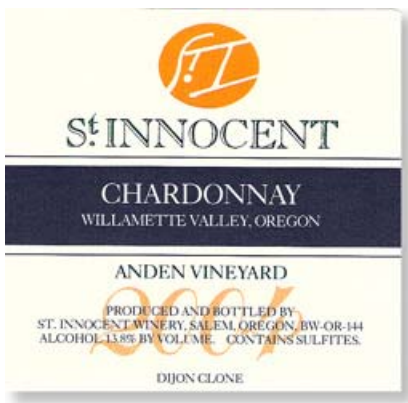
A total of 826 cases were produced.

**Tasting Notes:** This wine is very rich and exotic, with great weight and balance; it wants to be drunk young, but promises to reward patience. This wine is a deep violet color, with sweet blue fruit, clove and ginger on the nose. You won't be disappointed with the taste; blue and black fruit, ripe plums, pie spices and a hint of Port.

Absolutely a delight!

**Serving Suggestions:** Grilled salmon or lamb, or take on a picnic to pair with lighter foods





# St. Innocent Anden Vineyard Chardonnay - \$23 Willamette Valley, Oregon

In 1988, Mark Vlossak founded St. Innocent Winery, located in Salem, Oregon. He is still the winemaker today, producing wine under the philosophy of: “the function of wine is to complement and extend the pleasure of a meal. The characteristics of a wine should enhance different food and flavor combinations - this interaction amplifies the pleasure of a meal. To this end, St. Innocent wines

tend toward higher acid levels, and more diverse and balanced flavors.” The winery maximized production in 2004 at 6,800 cases, and Mark’s line up of wine includes single vineyard Pinot Noir, two styles of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Blanc. All of his wines are incredible, but the Anden Chardonnay won the toss. Enjoy!

**Tasting Notes:** A fruit and texture driven wine. Great complexity in the nose and mouth, good combination of fruit balanced with acidity. Watch out Burgundy, this chardonnay has an incredible undertone of minerality that brings this wine together. 346 cases produced. Will cellar nicely for up to 6 years.

**Serving Suggestions:** Grilled chicken or roasted duck, or try with grilled asparagus

## Tasting Notes

**Panther Creek Pinot Noir - Bednarik Vineyard  
Willamette Valley, Oregon**

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

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Willamette Valley, Oregon**

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### Previous Wine Club Selections

**March 2006  
Seven Hills Tempemillo  
SOLD OUT**

**Chehalem Pinot Gris**  
\$18/bottle  
6 or more: \$16.20/bottle  
12 or more: \$14.25/bottle

**April 2006  
Stepping Stone Cab Franc**  
\$25/bottle  
6 or more: \$22.50/bottle  
12 or more: \$19/bottle

**Dom de la Taille Aux Loups  
Sec “Remus”**  
\$23/bottle  
6 or more: \$20.70/bottle  
12 or more: \$18/bottle

**Cork Cellars Discount Policy**

#### **10% TUESDAYS**

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

#### **10% OFF**

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more (mixed okay)

#### **10% OVER COST**

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)

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