

SHEA WINE CELLARS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR, BLOCK 7



100% Pinot Noir. Made entirely from Wädenswil clone fruit, it expresses the rich violet, floral, and blue-to-black fruit qualities that are characteristic of the clone. Notes of black tea, licorice, cassis and allspice are there to round out the palate. Tannins are integrated, and the finish goes on and on.

Shea vineyard sits on sedimentary soil over fractured sandstone. Shea was one of the early vineyards in this area of Yamhill County and on this soil type. Today, the vineyard is surrounded by some of the premiere wineries making Pinot noir in the "New World." The fruit for this wine comes from Shea Vineyard Block 7. It sees 10 months in 67% new French oak; 33% previously filled barrels.

Founded by Dick and Deirdre Shea in 1996, Shea Vineyard was first planted to wine grapes in the late 1980s. They grew grapes for more than 10 years supplying some of the best winemakers in the area with fruit, including Ken Wright Cellars, Beaux Freres, Patricia Green Cellars, Westrey Wine Company, Panther Creek Cellars, Raptor Ridge and St. Innocent. In 1996, Shea decided to start his own winery, and today Shea Vineyard, which lies at the heart of Oregon's Yamhill-Carlton District, is a 200-acre vineyard property with 140 planted acres, 135 of which are planted to Pinot Noir vines with the balance planted to Chardonnay. Roughly 25% of the Pinot Noir fruit produced each year is used by Shea Wine Cellars for its releases. The remaining fruit is sold to some of the finest winemakers in Oregon and California. *The Wine Enthusiast* in its annual review of Oregon wines in December 2000, wrote, "It is no coincidence that our two top rated wines... were made from fruit from Richard Shea's perennially superb Willamette Valley vineyard."

The intention of Shea Wine Cellars is to continue to make small quantities of world class Pinot noir and Chardonnay.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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