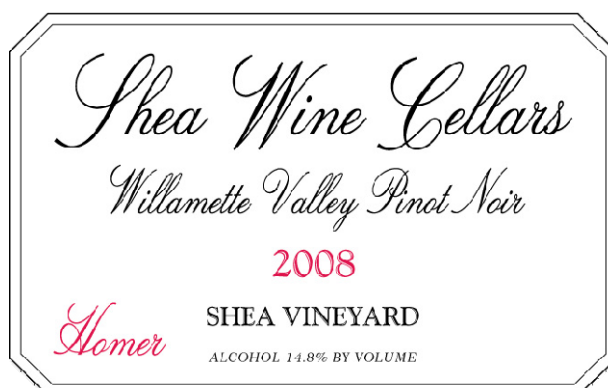


American Grand Cru – Wine Enthusiast



**2008 HOMER Willamette Valley Pinot Noir**

**Retail Price: \$82 per bottle**

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<b>Pinot Noir Clones:</b>	57% Wädenswil; 29% Pommard; 14% Dijon 777
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	October 1, 12, 14, 17, 2008
<b>Quantity Produced:</b>	688 six packs
<b>Date Bottled:</b>	August 17, 2009
<b>Fermentation Notes:</b>	45% wood tank, 55% stainless
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Elevage (Aging):</b>	93% New French Oak, 9 different coopers
<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	Shea Vineyard

**Tasting Notes:**

**Reviews and Ratings:**

**Wine Spectator: Rating 94** *"Polished, round and generous with its rich blackberry and plum flavors, hinting at smoke and spice as the finish lingers with a sense of refinement and transparency. The tannins are present but nicely submerged."*

**Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: Rating 96** *"The flagship of Shea Vineyards is the Homer cuvee made from a blend of the best barrels in the cellar. The 2008 is dark ruby/purple in color with a breath-taking, multi-dimensional aromatic array of sandalwood, Asian spices, incense, rose petal, black cherry, and black raspberry that leaps from the glass. Super-concentrated, opulent, and Reubenesque on the palate, it manages to be light on its feet and powerful at the same time. With amazing balance and precision and a finish that lasts for over a minute, it is a candidate for wine of the vintage as well as a tour de force."*

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