

American Grand Cru – Wine Enthusiast



2007 EAST HILL Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Retail Price: \$55 per bottle

Pinot Noir Clones:	Wädenswil, Dijon 115, 777, 828
Harvest Dates:	September 27, 28 and October 6, 2007
Quantity Produced:	325 cases of 750 ml
Date Bottled:	August 28, 2008
Fermentation Notes:	11% Whole Cluster
Alcohol:	14.4%
Elevage (Aging):	43% New Oak
Vineyard Source:	Shea Vineyard: Blocks 5, Oak, 7, 9, 19

Tasting Notes:

This release is a distinctive blend of select barrels from the East Hill of Shea Vineyard. It shows an amazingly complex aromatic profile, ranging from sandalwood and cedar to cardamom and clove. On the palate these spicy notes meld with ripe red berry and plum flavors and a fine-grained tannin structure.

Reviews and Ratings:

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: Rating: 92 "Fragrant aromas of balsam wood, violets, mineral and assorted black fruit lead to a medium to full-bodied wine and outstanding depth and concentration. It will benefit from 3-4 years of cellaring (unusually long for this vintage) and drink well from 2012 to 2022."

Pinot Report: Rating: 97 (Tied with an earlier Shea Wine Cellars wine for highest ever rating for an Oregon Pinot from the Pinot Report.) "Medium-deep ruby color; deep, complex cherry and herbal aromas; rich, complex and deep cherry flavors with plum and lots of herbal and earthy notes; silky texture and a touch of oak for seasoning; great structure and balance; long finish. This is an amazing Pinot."

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