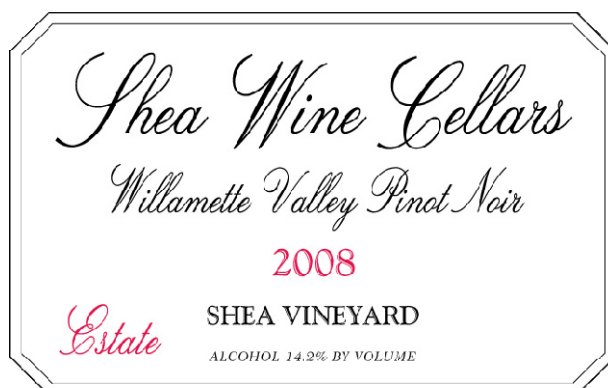


American Grand Cru – Wine Enthusiast



2008 ESTATE Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Retail Price: \$40 per bottle

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<b>Pinot Noir Clones:</b>	Pommard, Wädenswil and 3 Dijon Clones: 777, 115 and 114
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	October 1-19, 2008
<b>Quantity Produced:</b>	3,600 cases of 750 ml
<b>Date Bottled:</b>	August 19-20, 2009
<b>Fermentation Notes:</b>	13% wood tank fermented
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%
<b>Elevage (Aging):</b>	46% New French oak, 54% Used French oak
<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	100% Shea Vineyard

**Tasting Notes:**

Aromas of violet, ripe plum and black raspberry are complemented by exotic spices. The palate delivers a great concentration of fruit and soft tannins that linger on and on in the long finish.

**Reviews and Ratings:**

**Wine Spectator: Rating: 91** *"Pure and generous, explosive on the nose, rose petal and strawberry notes mingling with cherry and chocolate on the long and vivid finish. The 2008 (Estate), generally a fragile but wonderful vintage in the Willamette Valley, shows more muscle and power than most."*

**Pinot File** *"An Elegant wine that is the best Estate bottling from Shea ever".*

**Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: Rating 92** *"The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate contains fruit from all of the vineyard blocks and clones on the property. Dark ruby red, it displays an inviting bouquet of smoke, spice box, rose petal, incense, black cherry, and black raspberry. This leads to an intense, layered, spicy wine with enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years, excellent volume, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. It will provide prime drinking from 2012 to 2020."*

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