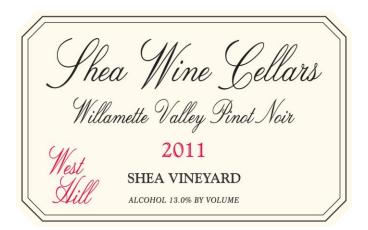
## American Grand Cru - Wine Enthusiast



## 2011 West Hill Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir Clones: Pommard, Dijon 777, Dijon 115

Harvest Dates: October 23 through November 2, 2011

Quantity Produced: 419 cases of 750 ml

Date Bottled: August 2012

Alcohol: 13.0%

Elevage (Aging): 59% New French Oak

Vineyard Source: Shea Vineyard Blocks 20, 30, 32, 33

Recommended Aging: Drink now through 2022

## **Tasting Notes:**

We blended Dijon clone 777, Pommard, and Dijon clone 115 to create this wine with lovely aromatics and a palate of dry cranberry and pie cherry. The tannins are polished and beautifully integrated, and the wine is supple and balanced. It's the most forward of our 2011s.

## 2011 Vintage Notes:

In 2011 we experienced the coolest growing season since the birth of Oregon's wine industry in the 1960s. Fortunately, autumn rain held off allowing us to harvest dry fruit from mid-October into early November – our latest harvest ever. Long, slow flavor development is what winemakers hope for, and we got it in spades. Cool-vintage wines retain lots of acidity. That's a good thing. Acidity makes the wine bright, food friendly and long-lived in the cellar. Our 2011 wines are full of elegant, old world complexity and character.