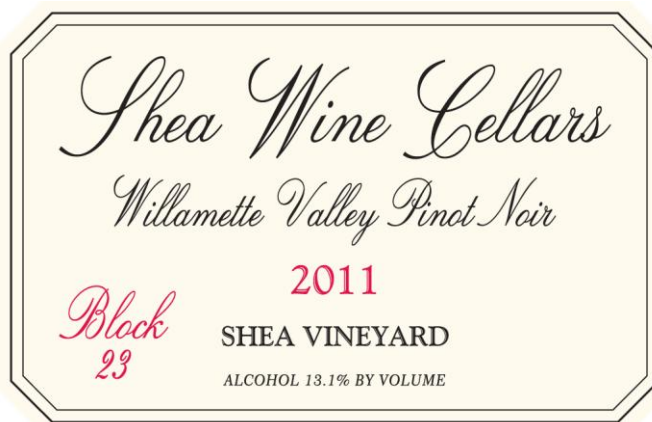


American Grand Cru – *Wine Enthusiast*



2011 Block 23 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

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| Pinot Noir Clones: | Pommard |
| Harvest Dates: | October 26 & 27, 2011 |
| Quantity Produced: | 187 cases of 750 ml |
| Date Bottled: | August 2012 |
| Alcohol: | 13.1% |
| Elevage (Aging): | 75% New French Oak |
| Vineyard Source: | Shea Vineyard Block 23 |
| Recommended Aging: | Drink 2015 through 2025 |

Tasting Notes:

This wine expresses a strong red fruit and floral aromatic profile. The mid-palate is juicy, a succulent concentration of blue fruit and fine-grained, lifted tannins complimented by spicy notes of sandalwood. Block 23 is structured yet lush, made from 100% Pommard clone fruit barrel-aged in 75% new French oak.

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.

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