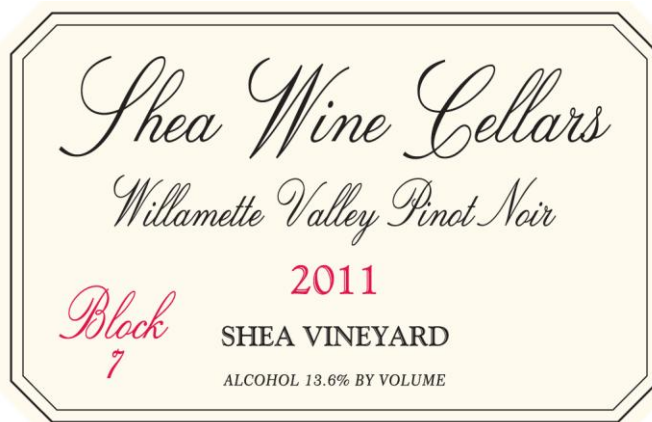


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### 2011 Block 7 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

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<b>Pinot Noir Clones:</b>	Wädenswil
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	October 25 & 27, 2011
<b>Quantity Produced:</b>	289 cases of 750 ml
<b>Date Bottled:</b>	August 2012
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.6%
<b>Elevage (Aging):</b>	67% New French Oak
<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	Shea Vineyard Block 7
<b>Recommended Aging:</b>	Drink now through 2025

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Made from 100% Wädenswil clone fruit, our Block 7 also expresses dark red and floral aromatics and a violet, blue-black fruit spectrum on the palate, but it leans towards a more brambly and savory profile than Block 23. There are wonderful hints of chocolate and cocoa, black pepper and dry spice. The wine is mouth-coating, rich and intense. You can get lost in this wine.

#### **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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