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PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

SHEA VINEYARD

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY  
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BW-OR-144  
ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

YAMHILL-CARLTON DISTRICT AVA

# 2015 Pinot noir

*Shea Vineyard*

Release Date: May 27, 2017

Production: 956 cases

**Crop Level: 2.4 tons/acre**

**Harvested: September 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2015**

**Bottled: February 2017**

**Alcohol: 13.5%**

**Suggested Pairings: Lamb  
chops, pork tenderloin,  
duck breast, risotto and  
lentil dishes**

**Aging Recommendation:  
Up to 15 years**

## Vineyard Notes

Shea Vineyard is located in the Yamhill-Carlton District AVA, 35 miles SW of Portland, Oregon. The grapes for this wine come from two blocks: Block 6 faces SE on a hillside of shallow sedimentary soil at the elevation of 450' to 500' planted with Pommard and 115. The Terrace Block is a very steep SW slope planted in 2002 with the Pommard clone.

## Production Notes

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in 4-8 ton stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO<sub>2</sub>, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 25% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

## Vintage Notes

The summer of 2015 started off with intense heat that faded off into a very warm and sunny season. Harvest began early with us first picking fruit on September 2 in cooler conditions. Yields were about 15% higher than normal and fruit was as perfect as I have seen. We continued to harvest throughout September and finished by the end of the month. The balance of flavor, tannin, acid, and sugar were as perfect as I have seen in 29 years. I am excited to see how the wines develop.

## Tasting Notes

An especially beautiful nose introduces you to the 2015 Pinot noir Shea Vineyard. Elegant cassis, white pepper, red rose and spicecake aromas swirl around your first glimpse of this lovely wine. Luscious concentrated red berry fruits rush across your palate followed by complex dark floral, forest floor and dried cherry notes. This is not your normally subdued Pinot noir from Shea, but a wonderfully integrated voluptuous expression from this great site. The dark berry and floral flavors balance with ripe tannins and soft acidity slowly fading into your next sip. Certainly a WOW wine from this famous vineyard! It can clearly be enjoyed now and over the next 15 years. Match with food.