



ST. INNOCENT

PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON DISTRICT AVA

SHEA VINEYARD

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

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Technical Details

Production: 1094 Cases
Crop Level: 2.5 tons/acre
Harvest: 9/20/21
Bottled: April 2023
Alcohol: 13.5%
Aging: Up to 15 years

Reviews & Scores

94 pts, Wine Enthusiast

Ripe red cherries are the Shea's opening aromatic shot, followed by notes of orange pekoe tea and roasted pork shoulder. Sweet black mulberries and the anise qualities of fennel fronds meld with flavors of root beer and citrus. The wine's tannins are sturdy and its acidity positively vibrates. Enjoy 2024-2026.

96 pts, International Wine Report

All destemmed fruit and resting in 22% new French oak for 16 months, the 2021 Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir from St. Innocent sports a shimmering medium ruby-garnet core with a brickish rim. Gorgeous floral notes pop from the glass alongside black cherries, mountain huckleberries, sweet vanilla bean, and just a touch of green tea. Wonderfully balanced on the palate and beautifully textured across the palate, it ends with a lingering spice-driven finish. Highly recommended and editor's choice.

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Trade Focus: A perennial favorite, our Shea Vineyard Pinot noir is the most complex and texturally dimensional wine we produce.

Vineyard

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 an 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

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in 4-8 ton stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO₂, allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 22% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity without fining.

Harvest

The "message in the bottle" for our 2021 Pinot noirs is density. Four short periods of high temperatures spaced through the summer of 2021 resulted in added stress in the vines and increased concentration in the wine. Thankfully, the harvest period was cool resulting in broad flavors, nicely balanced acidity and moderate alcohols.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

A classic Shea Vineyard Pinot noir nose with dried flowers, red and dark berries, and a hint of dusty roadside blackberries. A lush explosion of dark, sweet fruit across your palate is mingled with earthy spices, dried mushrooms, and pomegranate molasses. This is a very thoughtful wine that rewards quiet attention to the complex textures that are why this site produces such iconic wines. This wine will reward additional aging with increased lushness and pure pleasure.