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2019 Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir

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About Shea Vineyard:

Shea Vineyard sits in the heart of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA and is farmed by our friends Dick & Deirdre Shea. This is arguably the most famous vineyard for Oregon Pinot Noir because of the many well-known wineries that make a Single Vineyard Shea wine, including our sister brand Elk Cove Vineyards and neighbors Ken Wright, Bergstrom, Penner-Ash and others. It's worth checking out the Shea Vineyard website to learn more about this unique vineyard. Wines from Shea vineyard are earthy with a black cherry kick

2019 Vintage:

After a warm May and a healthy, early fruit-set, the summer ended cool with no threat of the sunburn or hazy, smoky skies seen in recent years. We expected to pick in early September, but weeks of unseasonably cool weather took us by surprise. Rather than rushing to pick too early, we waited patiently for concentrations and sugar levels to rise. Expect wines with a big ripe core of concentrated fruit and a bright, fresh profile.

Tasting Notes:

Our 2019 Shea is a blend of two different Shea Vineyard blocks. Block 18 is Dijon 777 clone and represents the backbone of the wine, while Block 16 adds some Pommard fruit to the mix. Both are planted in the region's shallow marine sediment soils, producing a silky, highly complex Pinot Noir with an incredibly long finish.

Details:

Retail: \$50 10 Months in 22% new french oak

Cases: 411 T.A. 5.3 AVA: Yamhill-Carlton pH 3.76

Soil: Marine Sedimentary Alcohol: 13.5% v/v

Vine Age: 20+

With roots deep in Oregon, our family has spent over 40 years farming at Elk Cove Vineyards. Our goal at Pike Road is to honor dedicated family-owned vineyards who grow exceptional cool-climate grape varieties here in the Willamette Valley.

