

2020 SHEA PINOT NOIR

Yamhill-Carlton AVA



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Shea Vineyard is our neighbor in the expansive hills around our estate, sharing a similar soil type. The vineyard has produced some of the highest acclaimed Willamette Valley Pinot Noir from the past two decades. This wine opens with notes of mountain huckleberry, moving into boysenberry. With a base of rocky earth, elements of toasted winter spices round out the palate. Drink now or cellar until 2030.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date:	10/3/2020	AVA:	Yamhill-Carlton
Brix:	23°	Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
pH:	3.74	Aging:	9 Months
Alcohol:	13.9%	New Oak:	30%

THE VINTAGE

In his 20+ years farming fruit in Oregon, winemaker Laurent Montalieu has cultivated an extensive grower network with access to a number of prestigious vineyards in each sub-AVA of the Willamette Valley. As a result, the Soléna viticultural and winemaking teams spent countless hours monitoring the development of grapes throughout the region and selected fruit from only the best plots available.

Yields were slightly decreased due to early spring temperature fluctuations. Light April frost reduced budding by a fractional amount, and June bloom was tempered by cooler and wetter weather than desired. This led to smaller berries and the loss of some clusters. When the moisture abated, the lead-up to harvest was mild, allowing a lengthy phenolic ripening period and concentrated fruit due to the smaller berries and yield. Slow hangtime on the vine is always a good thing, and the 2020 vintage is shaping up to compete with the best of them.

THE SOLÉNA STORY

Soléna is a combination of Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun, the moon and cycles of life. We were launched in May of 2000 when our owners purchased our 80-acre estate which became the Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard. Furthering their successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu gifted this vineyard to each other for their wedding, and began making wine under the label named Soléna after their daughter.

Soléna Estate showcases the beauty of terroir in our site-specific wines. We craft delicious wine from our own estate vineyards in Yamhill-Carlton and McMinnville AVAs, as well as iconic single-vineyards around the Northwest. We're well known for consistent, ageable Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, our entrepreneurial spirit means we keep expanding our offerings. Visit our picturesque vineyard and tasting room in Yamhill, Oregon and raise a glass to celebrate friends, family, and life!

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