



ST. INNOCENT PINOT NOIR SHEA VINEYARD

St. Innocent produces small-lot, handmade wines. The winery has a 47.5-acre property in the South Salem Hills and has planted 15.5 acres of their own vines. Mark Vlossak, owner, planted it one vine at a time via a drilled hole, all 15.5 acres—without earth-moving equipment, bulldozing, or grading. His focus is on Pinot Noir—it comprises some 70% of what he makes; in addition, there's a bit of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc.

VINEYARD

- Site:** Shea Vineyard is located in the Yamhill-Carlton District AVA.
- Soil:** Shallow, sedimentary soil.
- Vines:** From two blocks: Block 6 was planted in 1998 with Dijon clone 115 and a small amount of Pommard (11 rows) and faces southeast on a hillside at about 450-500 feet in elevation; and the Terrace Block was planted in 2002 with the Pommard clone, faces southwest, and gets its name from the terraces carved into its steep slope.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Destemmed grapes were fermented in four to eight-ton stainless steel and Burgundy oak fermenters with no SO₂, allowing the fermentations to process naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine ages in French oak barrels (26% new) for 16 months before bottling by gravity and without fining.
- Production:** 1,275 cases,
- Profile:** Dried floral, berry, and sweet earth aromas with allspice and white pepper. On the palate, the floral notes are mixed with wild berries, fresh cranberry, dried strawberry, and ground sweet spices.

