

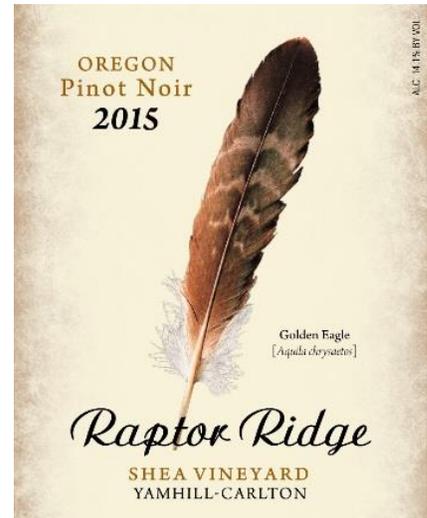
Raptor Ridge Company Overview



Founded Raptor Ridge in 1995, Raptor Ridge specializes in hand-grown single vineyard Pinot noir sourced from select Willamette Valley sites plus our own estate, Tuscowallame Vineyard. Named for our location on a ridge in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, our estate is a haven for our native raptors. We create intriguing wines by blending intuition honed over 23 vintages with the methodical approach of maintaining hundreds of separate lots. The result is an array of vineyard specific barrels, providing diversity and nuance to the final cellar-crafted cuvées. -Annie & Scott Shull, Proprietors

2015 Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir

Raptor Ridge has been sourcing fruit from Dick and Dierdre Shea since the 1996 vintage, making us one of the longest running producers of Shea Pinot Noir in the Willamette Valley. The vineyard is located north of highway 240, between the town of Yamhill and the Chehalem river valley. In the early days, we sourced own-rooted Pommard and Wadenswil from the original 1989 plantings; these days, after working with several parcels, we've settled on Block 11, providing us 115 and 777 clones of Pinot Noir. Shea is a perennially warm site, giving surprising richness and texture in cool years, and muscle and opulence in warmer ones. Shea's fruit profile is highly typical of the larger Yamhill-Carlton AVA - brambly red and black berry fruit, with a loamy complexity and notes of licorice.



Production Statistics

- Bottled: September 1st, 2016
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- Case Production: Fewer than 500 cases
- Block: 11
- Clonal Selection: 115, 777
- Harvest Date: September 18, 2014
- Brix: 26.2 (average)
- pH: 3.6 (average)
- TA: 4.5 (average)
- Destem: 100%
- Cold Soak: 4 days
- Skin Contact: 18 days
- Yeast: Commercial strains BM-45, WS
- Oak: French, 11 months, 33% New
- Suggested Retail Price: \$50

Winemakers Sensory Notes

Opens with dark, fruit-drenched mouthful of black raspberry and pomegranate smoothed out in mid-palate by hints of black tea, cured meat, cocoa and vanilla. The finish is at first soft and modest, no rough edges, it fades but returns with candied cherry and silky texture.

Reviews by Scoring Publications

92 Points Vinous, Josh Reynolds: Deep brilliant red. Ripe raspberry, cherry cola and spice cake aromas show very good clarity and pick up a smoky nuance with aeration. Smooth, seamless and appealingly sweet, showing impressive depth and heft to the spice-laced red fruit, vanilla and floral pastille flavors. In a juicy, fairly robust style, in keeping with the vintage, showing strong closing punch and harmonious tannins that come in late to add shape and grip to the long, sweet finish.

93 Points JamesSuckling.com: This pinot noir shows blueberries, raspberries, lemons and hints of yogurt. Full body, round and silky tannins and a vibrant and fresh finish. I like the austerity of the acidity. Drink now.