

# Raptor Ridge

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**Pinot Noir  
Shea Vineyard**

<p><b>90 Points</b> Shea 2013</p>	<p><b>Burghound: Oct 2015</b> Complex with its spicy array of briar, plum, dark berries and earth hints. Here too there is a lovely sense of vibrancy to the delicious, round and generously proportioned medium-bodied flavors that also exhibit a mild touch of austerity on the lingering and balanced finale.—Allen Meadows</p>
<p><b>89 Points</b> Shea 2013</p>	<p><b>Vinous: Oct 2015</b> Bright red, spicy, energetic raspberry and cherry scents are complemented by suggestions of anise and dried rose. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering gently sweet red and dark berry flavors underscored by a smoky mineral element. The clinging finish is framed by smooth, slow-building tannins.—Josh Reynolds</p>
<p><b>91 Points</b> Shea 2013</p>	<p><b>Wine Enthusiast: Aug 2015</b> Tight, tart raspberry fruit is immediately juicy and inviting, set atop a crisp and refreshing mineral base. The concentration is impressive, and this seems likely to age well over the next decade. Drink now through 2025.</p>
<p><b>91 Points</b> Shea 2012</p>	<p><b>Wine Enthusiast: Apr 1, 2014</b> Young, tart and tannic, this offers primary fruit flavors of cranberry and pie cherry. A hint of smoked meat wafts across the palate and through the finish.—Paul Gregutt</p>
<p><b>92 Points, Best Buy</b> Shea 2012</p>	<p><b>Wine &amp; Spirits: Apr 2014</b> All smoke and dense cherry fruit, this tense, sinewy Pinot is structured for the cellar. With air, it becomes exuberant, the juicy black-cherry flavors girded by plenty of mineral-tinged dry extract. Give it a few years of bottle age, then serve with lamb chops.—Patrick J. Comiskey</p>
<p><b>90 Points</b> Shea 2011</p>	<p><b>Wine Spectator: Feb 2013</b> This Pinot is bright and distinctive for the stony, slightly salty overtones to its lively core of delicate currant character, which persists enticingly. Drink now through 2016. — HS</p>
<p><b>93 Points</b> Shea 2010</p>	<p><b>Wine Spectator Insider: Jun 13, 2012</b> "Lithe, supple and lively, with raspberry, strawberry and rose petal aromas and flavors. Finishes with refined tannins and refreshing balance. Drink now through 2017." — HS</p>
<p><b>90 Points</b> Shea 2009</p>	<p><b>Wine Advocate: Oct 28, 2011</b> "The 2009 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard offers up darker fruits including black cherry and black raspberry as well as some structure. Succulent on the palate, this lengthy effort is likely to have a positive evolution of 1-2 years."</p>
<p><b>92 Points</b> Shea 2008</p>	<p><b>Wine Spectator: Dec 31, 2010</b> "Juicy and expressive, brimming with currant, blackberry, mineral and iron flavors. Rare meat notes add interest to the finish as it sails on nicely. Shows power and refinement. Best from 2012 through 2018."</p>

<b>92 Points</b> Shea 2008	<b>Wine Advocate: Oct 31, 2010</b> "My favorite of the collection is the 2008 Pinot noir Shea Vineyard. It is medium ruby red with an exceptionally perfumed nose of cherry blossom, Asian spices, incense, smoke, black cherry and black raspberry. On the palate it sports outstanding volume and intensity of fruit, incipient complexity, a velvety texture, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Give it 3-4 years of additional cellaring and drink it from 2013 to 2023."
<b>94 Points</b> Shea 2007	<b>Wine &amp; Spirits: Aug 2009</b> "From Shea Vineyard, where the vines in sedimentary soil over fractured sandstone produce some of Oregon's finest pinots, this wine is both forward and elegant. Scents of the forest floor and a wisp of smoke surround the black cherry flavors, all held in suspension by fine cherry-skin tannins. It's built for the long haul, and it will reward tea-smoked duck with wild mushrooms if you open it along the way."
<b>90 Points</b> Shea 2006	<b>Wine Advocate: Oct 30, 2008</b> "The 2006 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard is medium ruby-colored with an expressive perfume of pain grille, cherry, and raspberry. Elegantly styled with sweet racy red fruits and good acidity, this moderately lengthy effort can be enjoyed over the next five years."
Shea 2006	<b>PinotFile: Sep 15, 2008</b> "Pleasant and complex perfume of red Pinot fruits, herbs, vegetable garden, vitamins and pears. Earthy and brooding on the palate with flavors of dark cherries and currants and a hint of green tomato. With time in the glass, more red fruits emerge, including red cherries and cranberries. Admirable elegance and balance with the alcohol perfectly integrated."
<b>One Out of Three Clusters</b> Shea 2006	<b>Northwest Palate: Jul/Aug 2008</b> "Earthy and spicy notes on the nose include graham and cinnamon as well as a touch of the forest floor. Big, ripe, and plush cherry fruit is soft and succulent on the palate. Notes of caramel and vanilla, and perhaps a light stem quality provide contrast to the fruit sweetness. Serve with pork and chorizo sausages."
<b>91 Points</b> Shea 2006	<b>Wine Spectator Insider: Apr 23, 2008</b> "Light and airy. A silky-textured style that plays its sandalwood-scented cherry and raspberry flavors gently, letting them linger on the clear-headed finish."
<b>96 Points</b> Shea 2006	<b>Vinfolio: Feb 22, 2008</b> "The Shea Vineyard is one of the most sought after sites for Pinot noir in North America. Wines produced from this site repeatedly garner the highest accolades. Stylistically, Scott Shull's interpretation is classic Shea to me. Using the flawless 2006 Auteur Shea Vineyard as a benchmark, I believe Raptor Ridge comes very close. Sourced from a pair of blocks: 11 and 33, both Dijon clones 114 and 777, respectively. A ginger and black cherry nose with soft undertones of mocha and vanilla dust. The palate shows well defined and deeply structured flavors: blackberry, plum, hints of smoky licorice and kirsch that coat the palate with velvet-like tannins. Another Shea masterpiece."
<b>90 Points</b> Shea 2005	<b>Wine Enthusiast: Jul 2007</b> "Fragrant and inviting, with rose petals soaked in chocolate, tasted outdoors on a pine-scented evening. It's a beautifully detailed and powerful wine, the classic iron fist in the velvet glove. The cherry fruit is ripe and lovely, and there is a slight impression of alcoholic heat in the finish."
<b>90 Points</b> Shea 2005	<b>Wine Spectator: Jun 30, 2007</b> "Ripe and spicy, this is a supple, velvety wine with nicely delineated plum and currant flavors that linger against hints of white pepper and dark chocolate. Better than previously reviewed."
<b>92 Points</b> Shea 2004	<b>Wine Enthusiast: May 2006</b> "The Shea is the most dense and concentrated wine among the 2004s. Jammed with blackberry, cherry, plum, licorice and earthy tannins. Great concentration and a smoky, black-tea finish. This is one to tuck away for a few years."

<b>92 Points</b> Shea 2003	<b>Wine Spectator: May 2005</b> "Has lovely focus and style, offering sweet red pepper-tinged cherry and white pepper flavors pointing through the long, seductive finish. A graceful wine that sneaks in a lot more character than it shows at first. Drink now through 2013."
<b>88 Points</b> Shea 2002	<b>Wine &amp; Spirits: Apr 2004</b> "So earthy and deep in the glass it recalls syrah, and it's packed with exotic flavors of spice, dusty cocoa and black cherry. This wine doesn't appear very pinot-like now, but should find its voice with time. For those who like their pinots big."