



## 2006 SHEA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### *Tasting Notes:*

This year's Shea Vineyard designate comes from a barrel selection of four blocks on the East Hill of the Shea Vineyard from Dijon Clones 115, 777, 828 and the Wadenswil clone. All were harvested and fermented separately and then aged in 90% new French oak barrels for 11 months before being bottled in September of 2007. 35 barrels were picked for this vineyard designate wine of the 48 barrels of Shea we made in 2006.

This wine has a deep scarlet color with violet tints at the rim of the glass. The aromas are dense with brooding dark fruit and earth tones giving way to sweet baking spices, graham and toasty oak tones of coffee and chocolate.

On the palate this wine is young and powerful with large amounts of generous fruit flavors and sweet ripeness. The wine has a poignant red fruit character now, showing raspberries and dark cherries as well as an undertone of currant hidden inside of its tight structure. With aeration this wine begins to unfold, showing layers of spice and sweet red and black fruits with mouth-coating tannin and a generous finish.

760 cases produced, Drink now through 2012.