

# De Ponte Cellars



*Vintage:* 2007

*Estate:* De Ponte Estate Vineyard

*Region:* Dundee Hills

*Name:* De Ponte Cellars Shirley's Gran Reserva

*Grape:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Aging Potential:* 10-15 years, properly cellared

*Data:* Alcohol - 14.2%  
Aged for over 18 months in 100% new French oak

*Soil Type:* Jory soil

*Production:* 39 cases (750 mL) 5 (3 L)  
50 magnums (1.5 L) 3 (5 L)

## *Vintage Notes:*

The 2007 Growing season started off very strong, with a slightly warmer spring than normal that provided ideal conditions for fruit set throughout the vineyard. Moderate temperatures though out the summer, with no major heat spikes, leading to nearly ideal fruit maturation going into late September, until significant rain events began and didn't let up until late October. Isabelle being the veteran of 25 different vintages picked at the ideal time half the vineyard that was ripe before the big rains and let the second half of the vineyard sit and fully mature before picking. Result: wines with depth, elegance and soft ripe fruit characteristics.

## *Tasting Notes:*

Saturated ruby red, amazing nose of candied red cherry, blackberry, violet, minerals, earth and flowers. Full suave and dense; manages to be utterly silky and precise at the same time. Finishes with great mounting persistence and purity with a touch of crème brulee and mocha. This gorgeous wine will develop in bottle for a long time....

## *Food Pairings:*

Roasted rack of lamb, pancetta and toleggio lasagna, chocolate soufflé.

