

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2008

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 - 14.1%
Aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak

Soil Type: Jory soil

Production: 37 cases (750 mL) 5 (3 L)
60 magnums (1.5 L) 3 (5 L)

Vintage Notes:

A cool wet spring, late bud break and a summer without too much heat resulted in the latest harvest we have seen. We were saved by an amazing warm and dry October. With lower yields and slow ripening, the fruit coming in was full of concentrated flavors with a low sugar level, nice acidity and a perfect physiological maturity. Everything is here to have gorgeous wines in 2008.

Tasting Notes:

Elegant with plenty of fresh fruit, raspberry and strawberry, showing subtle notes of milk chocolate and mocha. Velvety texture with beautiful floral notes, supported by firm and refined tannins and an extremely long lingering finish. This wine leaves an incredible impression of finesse and complexity.

Food Pairings:

Potato pancakes with smoked salmon caviar and dill cream, mushroom butternut squash and gruyere tart, pappardelle with a duck ragout, molten chocolate cake with caramel filling.

