

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2009

Estate: De Ponte Estate Vineyard

Region: Dundee Hills

Name: De Ponte Cellars Shirley's Gran Reserva

Grape: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 12-15 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)
78 magnums (1.5 L) 3 (5 L)

Vintage Notes:

The warm spring pushed vines into early bud break that began a great year with long hang time in the vineyard. A warm summer we had a few rainy days until the heat came in abundance with record highs. In the first part of August the weather cooled down with moderate rain followed by sun until the first week in September when a late summer heat wave pushed temperatures back into the 90's. We achieved almost record hang time in the vineyard as we kept the yields in line with an average of 2.5 tons per acre.

Tasting Notes:

Dense and concentrated, evoking black cherry and dark plum flavors, with hints of cassis and cigar box spice. Soft tannins and spicy aromas with a sweet fruit finish linger on and on. Can only get better with age.

Food Pairings:

Chocolate hazelnut torte, mushroom trio risotto, hazelnut crusted rack of lamb, and smoked salmon spread on crostinis.

