

2018 Boedecker Cellars Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard

The dark red 2018 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard is packed with layers of spice as well as notes of toasted cedar, wild forest spices, and preserved black cherry. The palate is pure and inviting, with more red fruit tones shining through, a more compact tannic structure, and a bright spice of acidity. I like the energy of this wine, and it should have a wide drinking window over the next ten or so years. Drink 2023-2033.

Helmed by husband and wife duo Athena and Stewart Boedecker, this urban winery in Northwest Portland is making some very solid wines indeed, with some impressive longevity, as indicated by the inclusion of two wines in this tasting from 2004. As they over-vintage their wines, the 2019s are their current releases. The Athena and Stewart bottlings give each of the partners their own creative freedom to produce two separate wines from the same vintage, tailored to their own tastes, and offer a fun way to explore what the vintage has to offer.

- Audrey Frick (9/17/2023)