

# Belle Pente

## Willamette Valley



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### Belle Pente Vineyard Pinot Noir, Yamill-Carlton 2017

*I have become a huge admirer of Brian O'Donnell's wines in the last several years and am very happy to have several vintages tucked away now in my own cellar. His 2017 Belle Pente Vineyard bottling of pinot noir is a lovely wine in the making, coming in at a svelte 13.8 percent octane in this year and delivering a complex and very refined aromatic constellation of cherries, red plums, cocoa powder, fresh nutmeg, a complex base of soil, pigeon, violets and a discreet framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is fullish, pure, complex and transparent, with a lovely core of red fruit, superb mineral drive and grip, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. This is a young wine, but one of unmistakable beauty. 2028-2065.*

**93 pts** –John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-September-October 2021

The following has also reviewed this wine:

**93 pts** –Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, February 2022

### Murto Vineyard Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills 2017

*The 2017 Murto Vineyard bottling from Brian O'Donnell is a beautiful wine in the making, with a more black fruity personality than the wines made from Belle Pente Vineyard fruit. The classy bouquet wafts from the glass in a mix of dark berries, black cherries, gamebird, a touch of black tea, a refined base of soil, woodsmoke, a touch of fresh thyme and a deft framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and youthful, with a lovely core of fruit, tangy acids, excellent balance and grip, ripe, buried tannins and a long, nascently complex and very promising finish. This is a very transparent and classically-proportioned bottle of pinot noir in the making; it will be flat out delicious when it is ready to drink! 2030-2075+.*

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## **Belle Pente Vineyard Estate Reserve Pinot Noir, Yamill-Carlton 2017**

*The Estate Reserve bottling of pinot noir is a barrel selection from the top lots from the Belle Pente Vineyard and the 2017 is outstanding. The wine comes in at 14.3 percent and included twelve percent whole clusters this year. It offers up a deep and youthfully complex nose of cherries, red plums, just a hint of beetroot, raw cocoa, a superb base of soil tones, gamebird and a fine touch of nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, tangy and sappy at the core, with fine soil undertow, ripe, firm tannins and a long, vibrant and nascently complex finish. This is still a puppy and needs plenty of bottle age, but in due course, it is going to repay patience tenfold! 2030-2075+.*

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