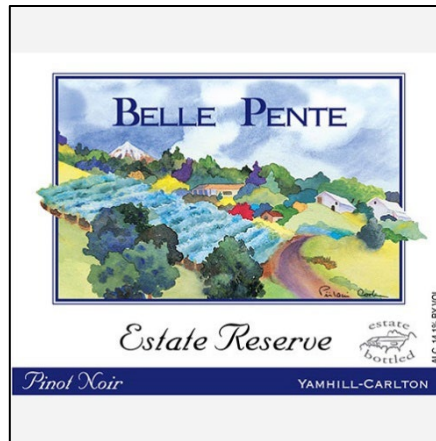


# Belle Pente

## Willamette Valley



### **Belle Pente Vineyard Estate Reserve Pinot Noir, Yamill-Carlton 2019**

*The 2019 Estate Reserve Pinot Noir from Brian O'Donnell at Belle Pente is a beautiful young wine. It comes in at a very civilized 13.4 percent octane in this vintage and delivers a perfumed and superbly complex aromatic constellation of plums, red and black cherries, cocoa powder, gamebird, a gorgeous base of soil tones, woodsmoke, violets and a gentle framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, tangy and nicely structured, with a beautiful core of fruit, fine soil inflection, ripe, buried tannins, lovely acids and a long, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. This is a properly structured young pinot and it will demand some cellaring time before it softens up for primetime drinking, but it is going to be absolutely stellar once it is ready to drink! 2034-2075+.*

**94+ pts** –John Gilman, View from the Cellar, January-February 2024

### **Riona's Block Pinot Noir, Yamill-Carlton 2019**

*The 2019 Pinot Noir "Riona's Block" from Brian O'Donnell is a new bottling in the winery's fine lineup of pinot noirs. It hails from a section of the estate vineyard that was planted in 1999, where a vein of volcanic ash adds a signature element to the soil, with Brian making a vineyard selection here to produce enough for six barrels of wine. The wine is named for Brian's daughter Riona, who was born in 1999. The wine included forty percent whole clusters in its debut vintage and comes in at 13.4 percent octane. The bouquet is pure and refined, wafting from the glass in a lovely blend of plums, black cherries, raw cocoa, gamebird, a complex base of soil, woodsmoke, violets and just a hint of oak. On the palate the wine is deep, complex and full-bodied, with great depth of fruit at the core, lovely soil signature and vibrancy, fine-grained tannins and superb backend energy and lift on the tangy, complex and seamlessly balanced finish. This is truly a stunning bottle of young pinot noir! 2034-2085.*

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