



## BELLE PENTE PINOT NOIR ESTATE RESERVE

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Belle Pente is one of the storied properties of Oregon's nascent winemaking days. Brian and Jill O'Donnell have farmed their 18 acres of vines with both organic and biodynamic methods as well as being firm believers in dry farming. Their wines are all about elegance, with a breadth of textures and flavors that can astonish.

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### VINEYARD

- Site:** Belle Pente's estate vineyard: from the best part of the vineyard, including the original 1994 planting next to the winery and the steep section just above it planted in 1998.
- Soil:** Marine sedimentary soil over sandstone.
- Vines:** Prime southwest-facing blocks. The clonal mix is heavily weighted toward the Wadensvil selection.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

### CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Small percentage (up to 12%) of whole clusters used. Aging can be as long as eighteen months and the percentage of new wood can be up to 30%.
- Production:** 189 cases.
- Profile:** This is a selection of outstanding individual barrels from the best part of the estate's vineyard. Firm, silky tannins, dark black fruit flavors, and an underlying structure to be enjoyed over the next 20 years. Decant for near-term consumption.
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