

# Belle Pente Willamette Valley



## Belle Pente Vineyard Pinot Noir, Yamhill-Carlton 2022

15% of the grapes are left on the stems and put into the bottom of the tank, with the balance then destemmed on top. The tanks are chilled for a week of cold maceration and then inoculated with a yeast isolated from the vineyard via a *pied-de-cuve*. Pressed to barrels to finish fermentation on gross lees. Ages for 18 months in 25% new oak. 444 cases produced.

*Aromas of cherries and sour cherries and wonderfully sweetly aromatic herbs. Flavours of cherry and vanilla take on a crystalline quality as fine, gauzy tannins coat the mouth. Beautiful, stony and elegant, with a lovely mineral undertone. Gorgeous.*

**17.5/20 pts** –Adler Yarrow, [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com), May 2026