

vinous**90** pts**Belle Pente 2012 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley****Oregon, Oregon****Red wine from United States****Drinking window:**

Ruby-red. Ripe red berries, anise, potpourri and a hint of woodsmoke on the fragrant nose. Offers pliant black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors braced by tangy acidity and a touch of bitter orange zest. Sappy, penetrating and precise, with a good whack of peppery spices enlivening the long, gently tannic finish. Distinctly powerful for the O'Donnells' entry-level bottling, which is in keeping with this vintage. At 13.6% alcohol it's a big departure from, for example, the 2010 version, which registered at 12.3%, which is consistent with that year's tendencies.

Josh Reynolds, July 2014

© 2015 Vinous Media

From Oregon Pinot Noir Update (Jul 2014)

Belle Pente**Grape/Blend**

Pinot Noir

Release price

\$29.00