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Belle Pente

United States - Oregon - Carlton / Willamette Valley



WILLIAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY

100% Chardonnay

Production area: Willamette Valley
Terrain: arenaria, sedimento marino, su un ripido pendio
Harvest: Two manual harvests, an early harvest for the safeguard citrus notes and a later harvest for the more mature tropical characteristics
Vinification: the whole cluster is crushed and left to ferment in 100% Oregon oak wood
Refinement: a full year in barrel sur lie and at least 6 months in tanks, and is given at least one year in bottle before marketing
Color: straw yellow
Fragrance: hints of citrus
Flavor: light, fresh, rich and ripe
Alcoholic Grade: 13.7% vol

BELLE PENTE
VINEYARD & WINERY

Ownership/Founders Brian & Jill O'Donnell
Start of Activity 1994
Vitiviniculture Organic
Hectares 7,3
Bottles produced 58.000



Belle Pente was founded in 1994 by Jill and Brian O'Donnell who, after meeting in California, move to the Willamette Valley. Both were award-winning home brewers, although Brian had been making wine for family and friends since 1986. On the night of the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, they decided to leave their careers in Silicon Valley to pursue their wine dream. Organic and biodynamic viticulture, vineyards with south, south-east and south-west exposures. Sixteen acres planted on the property, including twelve acres of Pinot Noir and two acres each of Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay, as well as nearly half an acre of Gamay Noir. Bellepente's shallow soils are recognised for their ability to produce exceptional wines of great power and finesse. In the cellar, the winemaking philosophy reflects the inspiration of "old world" winemaking traditions: great wine is born in the vineyard and is simply respected in the cellar. The grapes are harvested by hand and meticulously selected upon arrival at the cellar. The three-level, gravity-flow facility is designed for gentle, natural vinification in small batches, with minimal manipulation, to preserve varietal integrity and the unique attributes of the time and place where the wines were grown. All this makes Belle Pente one of the finest expressions of Oregon winemaking.