

# Belle Vallée

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## Whole Cluster Pinot Noir Willamette Valley



### Winemakers Notes:

Appellation: Willamette Valley  
Bottled: Jan 28, 2009  
Total Acidity: .65g/100mL  
Residual Sugar: <.02% (Dry)

Vintage: 2008  
Varietal: Pinot Noir  
Alcohol: 13.0%  
Cases Produced: 1015

### Tasting Notes:

Our version of an Oregon "Nouveau"; Rich fresh fruit with distinct floral qualities. Vibrant, lively and appealing aromas of black cherry, raspberry, marionberry, black tea and spice. Drink while fresh or lay down and watch as this whole cluster fermented wine integrates, comes together and gains in complexity.

### Vinification Process:

Picked at the opportune time, the primary goal is to get the fruit from the vineyard into our stainless steel tanks with the same integrity as it had hanging on the vine. While being fed into our tanks, we inoculate the whole clusters of grapes with a yeast isolated in the Beaujolais region known for its ability to produce aromatically penetrative and highly expressive wines.

### Vintage Notes:

Oregon's 2008 growing season started late, with bud break on average ten days to two weeks behind schedule followed by a cool growing season. Throughout the Willamette Valley, small berry clusters were left to hang on the vine throughout the extended warm spell in October where the fruit achieved optimal maturity with full ripeness; exhibiting intensely concentrated color and flavors.

Vineyard	Clone	Brix	Harvest Date
Temperance Hill (22%)	own-rooted/Wadensville	21.9	10-19-08
Meridian (78%)	own-rooted/115	22.7	10-28-08