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Wine: Dundee Hills Pinot Noir

**Vintage**: 2014

**Vineyards**: De Ponte Cellars Es-

tate Vineyard

**AVA**: Dundee Hills

**Aging Potential:** 6-8 years

**Alcohol**: 14.1%

**Production**: 1156 Cases (750ml), 250 magnums (1.5L), 30 (3L), 10 (5L) **Barrel Aging**: 20% new French Oak, remainder in 2-5 year old French oak, aged for 12 months.

<u>Vintage Notes:</u> 2014's growing season started out early with warm and dry weather. The initial fruit set was large, requiring much crop thinning. The summer was consistently warm without any significant heatwave. The harvest was earlier than most, but left winemakers with few challenges once the grapes were in the winery. The quality of the 2014 vintage is tremendous and will likely be considered one of the best Oregon has ever seen.

<u>Tasting Notes</u>: Intense black cherry color in the glass; the nose has rich notes of cassis and fresh spring flowers. Freshly baked strawberry pie mingles with a touch of vanilla on the palate, showing velvety texture and bright, balanced acidity. Round and smooth, the use of french oak barrels adds an elegant and refined tannin. Absolutely delightful now or cellar through 2020.

