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The image shows a wine label for Benton-Lane 2005 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The label is rectangular with a decorative, scalloped border. It features a central illustration of a vineyard with rolling hills in the background. The text on the label includes "BENTON-LANE" at the top, "WILLAMETTE VALLEY" in a smaller font below it, "OREGON" in a small banner, and "20 PINOT NOIR 05" at the bottom. The year "2005" is partially visible on the left and right sides of the bottom banner. At the very bottom of the label, it says "ALC. 14.1% BY VOL."

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2005 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir A big, youthful pinot with Beaujolais-like scents of fresh red cherry jam, this is exuberant with brisk fruit flavors balanced by an herbal, vinous quality. A touch of bitterness brings the wine up short; a year in the cellar should allow it to integrate. Then serve with duck sausage. *Benton-Lane Winery, Monroe, OR*

The April 2007 issue of Wine & Spirits also lists Benton-Lane Pinot Noir as the **12th Most Popular Pinot Noir** in their annual restaurant poll.