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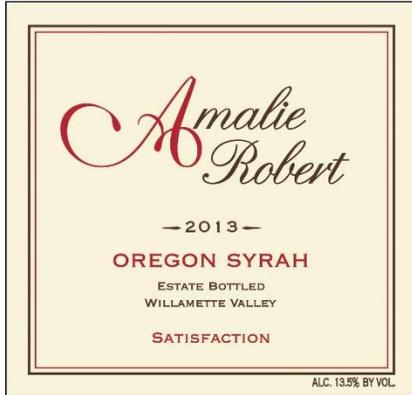
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2013 SATISFACTION SYRAH



SATISFACTION SYRAH IS 100% AMALIE ROBERT ESTATE GROWN SYRAH. AMONG OUR 35 ACRES OF PINOT NOIR, WE HAVE PLANTED 0.80 ACRES (1,188 VINES TO BE EXACT) OF SYRAH. THIS PLANTING REPRESENTS 4 CLONES SELECTED FOR THE COOL NORTHERN RHÔNE AREA OF CÔTE RÔTIE, AND NOW DALLAS, OREGON.

WE GROW SYRAH RIGHT ALONGSIDE PINOT NOIR, AND MOST OF THE VINEYARD WORK IS VERY SIMILAR. THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO HARVEST. WE THINK IT IS WORTH THE WAIT. SYRAH IS A VERY ADAPTIVE VARIETY, AND MUCH LIKE PINOT NOIR, REFLECTS ITS GROWING CONDITIONS.

SYRAH IS GROWN IN THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE WHERE IT IS KNOWN AS "SHIRAZ" AND A BIT FARTHER SOUTH INTO THE COOL CLIMATE OF NEW ZEALAND AS WELL. THE ENTIRE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES GROWS SYRAH FROM CALIFORNIA, TO THE WARM AREAS OF EASTERN WASHINGTON AND NOW VERY SMALL PLANTINGS IN OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

TASTING NOTES: AMBUSCADE RED. A FULL FRONTAL LOBE ASSAULT OF CRACKED BLACK PEPPERCORNS, ROSEMARY, BACON FAT, TAR AND MINERALS PERMEATE THE OLFACTORY SENSES. A SEAMLESSLY ENDING BARRAGE OF REPEATING RED AND BLACK FRUITS INVADGE THE PALATE WITH A FIRM GRIP AND LUXURIOUSLY INTEGRATED STEM TANNINS EQUALLY UNYIELDING AND UNAPOLOGETIC. IT'S KINDA LIKE THAT... UNFINED AND UNFILTERED.

AMALIE ROBERT ESTATE WAS FOUNDED BY DENA DREWS AND ERNIE PINK IN 1999. DENA AND ERNIE LEFT THE CORPORATE WORLD BEHIND AND BEGAN A JOURNEY TO GROW PINOT NOIR IN THE LAST BEST PLACE ON EARTH.

vinous	92 pts
Amalie Robert Estate 2012 Syrah Satisfaction	
Willamette Valley, Oregon	
Red wine from United States	
Drinking window: 2018 - 2023	
Vivid ruby. Heady spice- and mineral-accented raspberry and cherry scents show excellent clarity and pick up subtle woodsmoke and cola nuances as the wine opens up. Alluringly sweet and precise on the palate offering intense red fruit liqueur blood orange spicecake and violet pastille flavors that show a suave blend of richness of vivacity and no rough edges that I can detect. Finishes very long sappy and smooth with fine-grained tannins lending gentle grip.	
Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: October 2016	
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"...FOR FANS OF THE DELICATE, GRACEFUL SCHOOL OF PINOT NOIR, WHICH IS DECIDEDLY THE STYLE THAT'S EMPHASIZED HERE. A WIDE RANGE OF WINES, ALMOST ENTIRELY PINOT NOIR, ARE MADE FROM THE 35 ACRES OF ESTATE VINES, AND DREWS AND PINK AREN'T AFRAID TO HOLD THEM BACK FOR LATE OR SUCCESSIVE RELEASES DEPENDING ON THE PERSONALITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL BOTTLING. IN WARM VINTAGES THE EFFECTS OF THE WEATHER EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON THE WINES HERE, BUT RARELY DO THEY HEAD INTO DARK FRUIT TERRITORY..."

- JOSH REYNOLDS, VINOUS, DECEMBER 2016

SYRAH ACCOLADES

2012 SATISFACTION 92 POINTS – VINOUS, OCTOBER 2016

2012 TOP BARREL 94 POINTS – VINOUS FEBRUARY 2018

