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## 2017 HEIRLOOM CAMEO CHARDONNAY



HEIRLOOM CAMEO IS OUR BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY. AS DENA WOULD EXPLAIN IT: "THIS WINE WRAPS YOU IN AN ELEGANT SILK SCARF AND INSTANTLY MAKES YOU FEEL REALLY GOOD - ABOUT BEING YOU."

THE WINE WAS FERMENTED IN A SINGLE LARGE FORMAT FRENCH OAK BARREL OR "PUNCHEON." THE GOAL OF THIS FERMENTATION IS TO ENHANCE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF THE WINE THROUGH CONTACT WITH OAK AND EXTENDED YEAST OR "LEES" AGING.

STYLISTICALLY, THIS WINE IS MADE TO BE ENJOYED THROUGHOUT ITS TIME IN BOTTLE. UPON RELEASE THE WINE IS FRESH WITH PUNGENT AROMAS AND A BROAD

MOUTH FEEL, FOLLOWED BY A CRISP AND SATISFYING FINISH. WE EXPECT THIS WINE TO AGE GRACEFULLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WILL REWARD A LADDERED APPROACH TO MONITORING ITS DEVELOPMENT.

TASTING NOTES: YELLOWJACKET YELLOW SWIRLS EFFORTLESSLY WHILE A HUGELY PUNGENT AROMA OF LILY, GRILLED STAR FRUIT AND HONEYSUCKLE ASSERTS ITSELF. THE BFC HAS ARRIVED. FLASHING THE AFTEREFFECTS OF LIMITED SKIN CONTACT, THE PALATE IS BROAD YET DELINEATED WITH UNDERLYING STRUCTURE. AT FIRST PLAYFUL, YET WITH PURPOSE AND INTENTION, ONLY GRADUALLY REVEALING THE CHARMS ACQUIRED FROM 16 MONTH, LARGE FORMAT FRENCH OAK ÉLEVAGE THAT LINGERS RESOUNDINGLY.

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** 93 pts

Amalie Robert Estate 2015 Chardonnay  
Heirloom Cameo

Willamette Valley, Oregon  
White wine from United States  
Drinking window: 2020 - 2025

Pale, glistening gold. Mineral- and lees-tinged citrus and orchard fruit aromas show excellent clarity and take on hints of honeysuckle, vanilla and sweet butter with air. Displays impressive depth on the palate, offering juicy, smoke-accented white peach, pear nectar and Meyer lemon flavors that show strong tension and back-end cut. The mineral quality comes back on a very long, smoky, lees-tinged finish that echoes the Meyer lemon and mineral notes. Fermentation, malo and 14 months of aging in new, 500-liter French oak barrels, with a bit of non-malo juice that was aged in stainless steel tank.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: May 2020  
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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

2014 HEIRLOOM CAMEO ACCOLADES: 92 POINTS – VINOUS, SEPTEMBER 2017

2013 HEIRLOOM CAMEO ACCOLADES: 91 POINTS – VINOUS, JANUARY 2017