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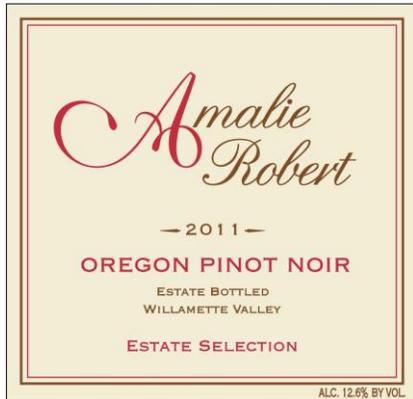
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## 2011 ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIR



ESTATE SELECTION IS AN EXCLUSIVE BARREL SELECTION OF PINOT NOIR REPRESENTING THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF OUR VINEYARD. EVERY BLOCK WITHIN OUR 35 ACRE VINEYARD IS INDIVIDUALLY HAND HARVESTED AT ITS PEAK OF FLAVOR MATURITY AND INTENSITY. BLOCK BY BLOCK, THE FRUIT IS FERMENTED IN SMALL 1.5 TON LOTS AND MATURED FOR OVER 12 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS.

ESTATE SELECTION IS ERNIE'S INTERPRETATION OF THE VINTAGE EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR ESTATE GROWN SINGLE VINEYARD. HE IS THE ALSO THE WINEGROWER AND BEARS WITNESS TO THE VINES STRUGGLE EACH YEAR TO RIPEN WONDERFULLY EXPRESSIVE AROMAS AND FLAVORS.

IN THE CELLAR, HE RECALLS THE GROWING SEASON AND THIS HELPS DRIVE HIS BARREL SELECTION. EACH BARREL CONTRIBUTES A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE OF THE VINTAGE FROM AROMA AND SPICE TO WHOLE CLUSTER TANNIN AND ACIDITY. ALL BLENDED FOR COMPLEXITY AND PATIENT CELLARING.

TASTING NOTES: RFN RED PROVIDES NOTICE WHILE CINNAMON AND SANDALWOOD ENTERTAIN COCOA AND FIVE SPICE. A RICH PALATE OFFERS DEEP RED FRUITS AND INTEGRATED STEM TANNINS. A MASCULINE IMPRESSION OF A FEMININE VINTAGE PROVIDING STRIKING PRESENCE ALL THE WHILE KEEPING ITS KNICKERS ON. A LONG AND LINGERING FINISH CULMINATES THE TRINITY OF ACIDITY, FRUIT AND TANNIN. 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.

*"...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 RAYNOLDS, VINOUS, DECEMBER 2016

<b>vinous</b>	92 pts
<b>Amalie Robert Estate 2011 Pinot Noir Estate Selection</b>	
Willamette Valley, Oregon	
Red wine from United States	
Drinking window: 2018 - 2022	
Brilliant red. Heady mineral- and spice-faced red berry liqueur and rose pastille aromas pick up a deeper cola nuance with air. Juicy, appealingly sweet raspberry and cherry flavors are given lift and spine by tangy acidity and smoky minerality. Flavorful yet brisk and nervy, this Pinot Noir finishes with a weightless quality, silky tannins and excellent thrust.	
Josh Raynolds. Tasting date: August 2015	
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