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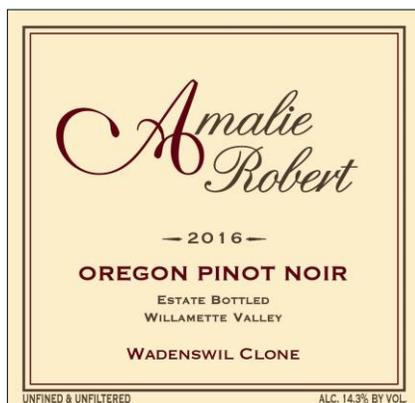
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2016 WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR



WADENSWIL CLONE IS A 2 BARREL SELECTION OF ESTATE GROWN WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR.

WHEN PLANNING OUR VINEYARD, WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED WITH THE WADENSWIL CLONE WINES WE HAD EXPERIENCED FROM SEDIMENTARY SOIL VINEYARDS. THE FRAGRANT, INTENSE, LASER FOCUSED FRUIT AROMAS WERE RELENTLESS. IT IS NO ACCIDENT, BUT A STRATEGIC CHOICE THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR SEDIMENTARY SOIL VINEYARD BLOCKS PLANTED TO WADENSWIL CLONE.

IT MAY SEEM THAT WE GO TO A GOOD DEAL OF TROUBLE TO EXPLAIN AN INCONSEQUENTIAL EVENT, BUT IT IS NOT SO. WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR GROWN ON OUR SEDIMENTARY SOILS IS, FOR US, WHAT PINOT NOIR IS ALL ABOUT. THE FULL RANGE OF PINOT NOIR AROMAS AND FLAVORS ALONG WITH A DIZZYING ARRAY OF MID-PALATE TEXTURES AND REVERBERATING ACIDITY DEFINE THE WADENSWIL CLONE.

TASTING NOTES: SMOLDERING RED. SENSORY TENSION EMANATES FROM THE BLACK RASPBERRY, COCOA, WILDFLOWER BOUQUET. WHILE INITIALLY SUPPLE AND INVITING, THE PALATE BECOMES AN OUBLIETTE TO STRONGLY WILLED FRUIT INTENSITY FLUSTERED BY ADVANCING STEM TANNINS AND UNRELENTINGLY TYRANNIZED BY WELL-PLAYED ACIDITY. QUITE CLEARLY, A FEMININE WINE IN TOUCH WITH ITS MASCULINE SIDE. THIS PERFORMANCE PERSISTS AS IF TO BE THE EVERLASTING GOBSTOPPER REINCARNATE. 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

