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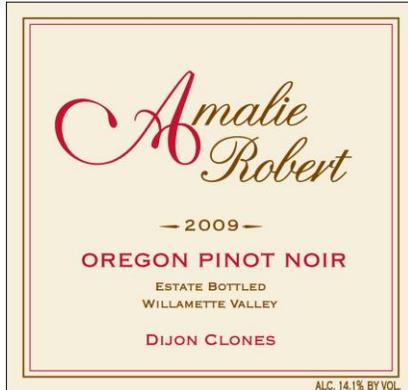
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2009 DIJON CLONES PINOT NOIR



DIJON CLONES IS A BLEND OF PINOT NOIR CLONES REPRESENTING A COLLAGE OF VINEYARD BLOCKS. AS WITH ALL OF OUR BLOCKS OF PINOT NOIR, THESE VINES ARE INDIVIDUALLY HAND HARVESTED AT THEIR PEAK OF FLAVOR MATURITY AND INTENSITY. THE FRUIT WAS FERMENTED IN SMALL LOTS AND THEN MATURED IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM A SELECTION OF COOPERS.

THE 2009 DIJON CLONES PINOT NOIR IS A BLEND OF 5 DIJON CLONES SOURCED FROM 7 DRY FARMED BLOCKS. MUCH LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT IN A SYMPHONY, EACH BARREL CONTRIBUTES ITS OWN UNIQUE CHARACTER TO THE FINAL COMPOSITION.

AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL OF OUR PINOT NOIRS, THIS BOTTLING IS 100% ESTATE GROWN AND HAND HARVESTED FRUIT. THE INDIVIDUAL BLOCKS WERE FERMENTED WITH WHOLE CLUSTERS AND INDIGENOUS YEAST FROM THE VINEYARD. IN THE CELLAR, WE AGED THE INDIVIDUAL LOTS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS. THE BLEND IS A REFLECTION OF OUR SOILS, MICROCLIMATES AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAND.

TASTING NOTES: PRESERVED CHERRY RED ALLUDES TO SPICED FRUIT AROMAS OF CANDIED CRANBERRY, MONTMORENCY CHERRY, RED RASPBERRY, QUINCE AND CINNAMON SUPPORTED BY FRESHLY TURNED SOIL AND UNDERBRUSH. THE PALATE INTEGRATES OUR SIGNATURE DIJON CLONES BLEND OF RIPE RED CHERRY, COCOA AND EARTH WITH FINE GRAINED STEM TANNINS, AND BRIGHT ACIDITY PROVIDING TENSION AND LENGTH. THE LONG FINISH IS A CULMINATION OF EXTENDED BARREL AGING AND A MÉLANGE OF TANNIN, ACIDITY AND MINERALITY.

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

2009 DIJON CLONES ACCOLADES

92 POINTS – STEPHEN TANZER'S IWC, JULY/AUG 2012

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Amalie Robert Estate 2009 Pinot Noir Dijon Clones Willamette Valley

Oregon, Oregon
Red wine from United States

Drinking window:

Bright red. Sexy, spice-accented aromas of red berry preserves, potpourri and sandalwood, with a touch of cola in the background. Shows very good intensity and sweetness, offering lithe raspberry and cherry flavors and a hint of bitter blood orange. Closes on a spicy note, with excellent clarity and persistent sweetness.

Josh Reynolds, July 2012

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