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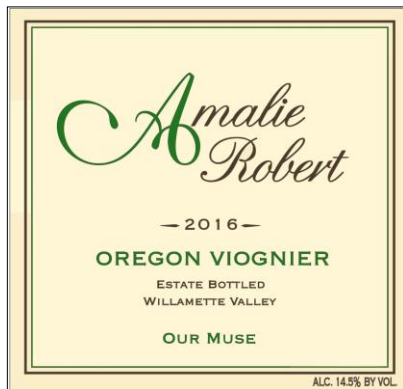
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2016 OUR MUSE VIOGNIER



OUR MUSE IS ESTATE GROWN VIOGNIER. THIS VARIETY IS AT FIRST LUSH AND PLAYFUL. RICHNESS ON THE PALATE LEADS TO A SENSE OF ENCHANTMENT. LEST YOU BE CONFUSED, OUR MUSE IS AT THE SAME TIME STIFF IN THE SPINE AND NOT TO BE TAKEN WHIMSICALLY.

VIOGNIER IS THE TRADITIONAL WHITE WINE FROM CONDRIEU IN THE NORTHERN RHÔNE VALLEY OF FRANCE. THIS VARIETY DEVELOPS BEAUTIFUL AND DELICATE AROMATICS WITH A RICH UNCTUOUS MOUTH FEEL WHEN GROWN IN OREGON'S COOL WILLAMETTE VALLEY. AMONG OUR 35 ACRES OF PINOT NOIR, WE HAVE PLANTED JUST 0.41 ACRES (594 VINES TO BE EXACT) OF VIOGNIER.

THE WINE WAS FERMENTED AT COOL TEMPERATURES IN A VERY SMALL STAINLESS STEEL TANK TO RETAIN ITS DELICATE AROMATICS. VIOGNIER IS A WINE THAT FAVORS ENJOYMENT UPON RELEASE, MUCH LIKE YOUR INNER CHILD.

TASTING NOTES: WAXEN HONEYCOMB ADORNS WHILE PUNGENT AROMAS OF QUINCE PASTE, KUMQUAT ZEST AND CASABLANCA LILY ENTERTAIN. INSPIRING ON THE PALATE WITH A GENEROUS MOUTH FEEL AND INTENSE VARIETAL CHARACTER, TINGLING ACIDITY SAVES THE DAY WITH A TEASING FINISH. SUCCULENT BUT NOT SWEET, HERE'S A WINE YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET!

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

2016 OUR MUSE VIOGNIER ACCOLADES:

93 POINTS, EDITORS CHOICE – WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE, APRIL 2018

91 POINTS – VINOUS, FEBRUARY 2018

vinous 91 pts

Amalie Robert Estate 2016 Viognier Our Muse

Willamette Valley, Oregon
White wine from United States
Drinking window: 2018 - 2020

(all stainless steel) Pale green-tinged yellow. Bright and precise on the nose, displaying fresh white peach, tangerine and pungent floral qualities along with delicate honey and white pepper flourishes. Juicy, focused on light on its feet, offering juicy orchard and pit fruit flavors that are given tangy cut by an orange zest nuance. Finishes silky and long, featuring lingering florality and a hint of candied citrus fruits.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: September 2017

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