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2017 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: ORNATE GOLD LEAF CONJURES AN EXOTIC BOUQUET OF PEACH MARMALADE, CINNAMON, QUINCE PASTE, RIPE APRICOT AND STARGAZER LILY AROMAS RISING TO A CRESCENDO. IT IS JUST AMAZING THEY CAN ALL FIT IN A SINGLE GLASS! THE PALATE IS REMARKABLY UNCTUOUS, CONCENTRATED AND LEAVES YOUR SENSES SIZZLING LIKE AN ISOTOPE. THE MID PALATE TRANSITIONS TO A LONG AND VIBRANT FINISH WITH A SUSTAINED HALF LIFE.

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
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