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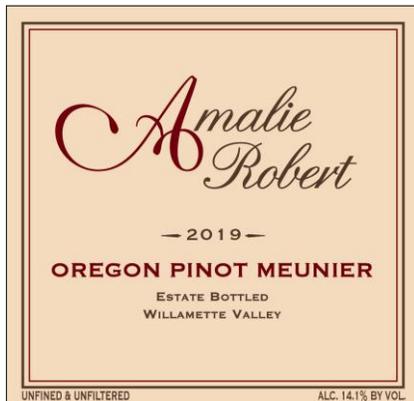
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## 2019 PINOT MEUNIER



WHAT IS IT? PINOT MEUNIER (MUH-N'YAY) IS A CLOSE RELATIVE TO PINOT NOIR AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS SUCH BEFORE THE 16TH CENTURY. BASED ON RECENT DNA "FINGERPRINTING", AN EARLY PINOT VINE AND A VINE CALLED "GOUAIS BLANC" ARE THE PARENTS OF PINOT MEUNIER AND OTHER VARIETIES, INCLUDING PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY. THE NAME "MEUNIER" IS A FRENCH WORD MEANING "THE MILLER". THIS TERM IS GIVEN TO PINOT MEUNIER DUE TO THE DISTINCTIVE, FLOUR-DUSTED APPEARANCE ON ITS LEAVES.

WHAT IS IT LIKE AS A STILL WINE? PINOT MEUNIER WAS TRADITIONALLY USED TO MAKE SPARKLING WINE, HOWEVER AS A STILL WINE IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO PINOT NOIR. PINOT MEUNIER IS APPRECIATED FOR ITS AROMATICS, FRUITINESS, SOFT TANNINS AND SPICY FINISH. IT IS A VARIETAL THAT PROVIDES ITS MOST PLEASURE WITHIN 3 TO 5 YEARS OF THE VINTAGE.

TASTING NOTES: JOLLY RANCHER CHERRY RED. TRANSLUCENT TRANSCENDS TO SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST, DARK CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES, FRESHLY GRATED CINNAMON STICK AND A WAFT OF ALLSPICE FROM A STILL COOLING PUMPKIN PIE. ELEGANT AND LITHE, PLAYFUL ON THE PALATE WITH INTENTION AND DISCIPLINE PROVIDING VIRTUOUS RESTRAINT. THAT'S AS FAR AS I GO. AND JUST AS PRETTY AS THE DAY IS LONG. UNFINED, UNFILTERED AND UNREpentANT.

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*

2015 PINOT MEUNIER ACCOLADES: 91 POINTS — VINOUS, FEBRUARY 2018

2014 PINOT MEUNIER ACCOLADES: 92 POINTS — VINOUS, JANUARY 2017

