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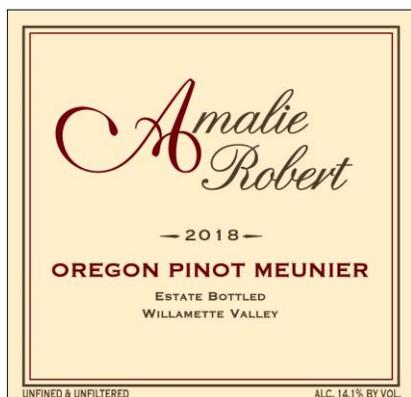
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2018 PINOT MEUNIER



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: TRANSLUCENT CRYSTALLINE RED. SUN WARMED RASPBERRIES JOIN FRAGRANT ROSE PETALS IN AN AUDACIOUSLY BODACIOUS MANNER. SWEET MEETS TART, UNPRETENTIOUS ENDURES UNRELENTING AND TEXTURE TEASES TANNIN AS THE JUXTAPOSITION SEEMINGLY NEVER ENDS. AND JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, THIS IS THE BEST PINOT MEUNIER WE HAVE EVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GROW, FERMENT AND BOTTLE. 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.

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Amalie Robert Estate 2015 Pinot Meunier
Willamette Valley, Oregon
Red wine from United States
Drinking window: 2021 - 2027

Brilliant red. Spice- and herb-tinged cherry and red currant scents, slowly joined by subtle woodsmoke and cola notes. Chewy and focused on entry, offering bitter cherry and rose pastille flavors that flesh out and become sweeter with air. Nicely concentrated but lively as well, showing strong closing thrust, dusty tannins and a lingering cherry note.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: September 2017

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"...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

PINOT MEUNIER ACCOLADES

2014: 92 POINTS (HIGHEST SCORE EVER FOR AN OREGON PINOT MEUNIER) — VINOUS, JAN 2017

