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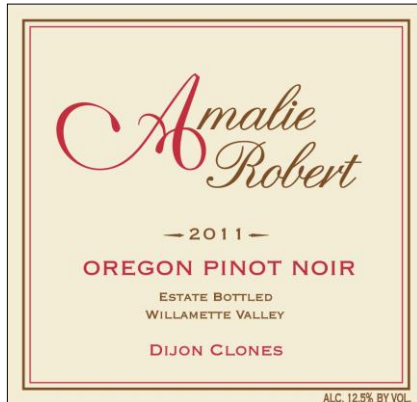
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2011 DIJON CLONES PINOT NOIR



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 2011 DIJON CLONES PINOT NOIR IS A BLEND OF 7 DIJON CLONES SOURCED FROM 12 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: LED RED INTRODUCES AROMAS OF DARK CHERRY AND SWEET BLACKBERRY INTERLACED WITH EXOTIC CINNAMON, CARDAMOM AND INCENSE. A RICH MID-PALATE OFFERS UP AN EXACTING EXPRESSION OF RED FRUITS, SPICE AND SASSAFRAS RELINQUISHING CONTROL TO A CORE OF TILLED EARTH AND MINERALITY BACKED BY SCINTILLATING STEM TANNINS AND STRAPPING ACIDITY. 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.

vinous	91 pts
Amalie Robert Estate 2011 Pinot Noir Dijon Clones	
Willamette Valley, Oregon Red wine from United States	
Drinking window: 2018 - 2022	
Bright red. Potent red berry, floral pastille and incense aromas, with an exotic hint of blood orange emerging slowly. Lithe and sharply focused, with its intense raspberry and bitter cherry flavors communicating a suave blend of power and finesse. Delivers a wallop of sweet red fruit character without any excess weight and finishes spicy and very long, with a bright mineral note.	
Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: August 2015 © 2019 Vinous Media	

"...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