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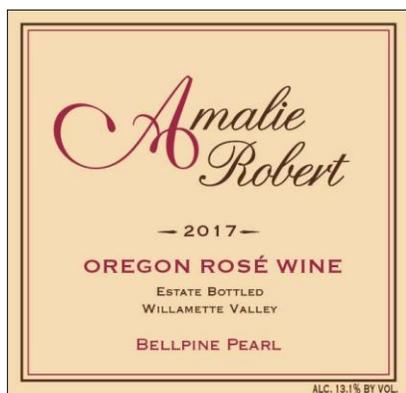
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2017 BELLPINE PEARL



BELLPINE PEARL IS A PALE ROSÉ MADE FROM GENTLY PRESSED WINGS OF PINOT MEUNIER AND PINOT NOIR.

BOTH PINOT MEUNIER AND PINOT NOIR CLUSTERS HAVE SMALL FRUITING TENDRILS OR “WINGS”. THESE WINGS TYPICALLY FLOWER ABOUT A WEEK OR SO AFTER THE MAIN CLUSTER. AND AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, THEY RIPEN ABOUT A WEEK OR SO AFTER THE MAIN CLUSTER.

WE TYPICALLY THIN OFF THESE LATE TO RIPEN WINGS BEFORE HARVEST. BUT THE PAST FEW VINTAGES HAVE BEEN VERY WARM AND WE LEFT THIS EXTRA FRUIT ON THE VINE TO SLOW DOWN SUGAR ACCUMULATION.

THEN JUST BEFORE HARVEST TIME WE THIN THE WINGS OFF. HOWEVER, WE FOUND THE FLAVOR AND ACID PROFILE OF THESE PINOT MEUNIER AND PINOT NOIR WINGS TO BE PERFECT FOR AN ELEGANT, STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTED DRY ROSÉ.

TASTING NOTES: SPORTING INTENSELY FLAMBOYANT PINK CORAL, AN EVOLVING BOUQUET OF FRESH SUMMER STRAWBERRY, CURRANT AND TEA ROSE AROMAS ARE ENLIVENED BY KUMQUAT ZEST TO CONJURE UP A KALEIDOSCOPIIC SPRINGTIME BOUQUET. FLAVORS OF PINEAPPLE, STRAWBERRY AND STARFRUIT EVOKE A CLOUDBURST OF MID-PALATE INTENSITY THAT LINGERS EFFORTLESSLY AS IF THERE IS UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO ATTEND. AND THAT IS JUST ABOUT AS ELEGANT A THRILL AS ONE CAN EXPECT FROM “THE PEARL.” THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO YOU...

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

BELLPINE PEARL ACCOLADES

2016: 90 POINTS – VINOUS NOVEMBER, 2017

