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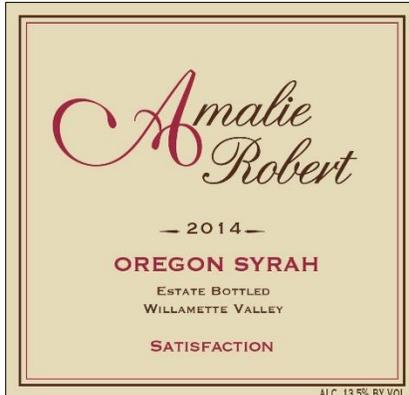
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## 2014 SATISFACTION SYRAH



SATISFACTION SYRAH IS 100% AMALIE ROBERT ESTATE GROWN SYRAH. AMONG OUR 35 ACRES OF PINOT NOIR, WE HAVE PLANTED 0.80 ACRES (1,188 VINES TO BE EXACT) OF SYRAH. THIS PLANTING REPRESENTS 4 CLONES SELECTED FOR THE COOL NORTHERN RHÔNE AREA OF CÔTE RÔTIE, AND NOW DALLAS, OREGON.

WE GROW SYRAH RIGHT ALONGSIDE PINOT NOIR, AND MOST OF THE VINEYARD WORK IS VERY SIMILAR. THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO HARVEST. WE THINK IT IS WORTH THE WAIT. SYRAH IS A VERY ADAPTIVE VARIETY, AND MUCH LIKE PINOT NOIR, REFLECTS ITS GROWING CONDITIONS.

SYRAH IS GROWN IN THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE WHERE IT IS KNOWN AS "SHIRAZ" AND A BIT FARTHER SOUTH INTO THE COOL CLIMATE OF NEW ZEALAND AS WELL. THE ENTIRE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES GROWS SYRAH FROM CALIFORNIA, TO THE WARM AREAS OF EASTERN WASHINGTON AND NOW VERY SMALL PLANTINGS IN OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

TASTING NOTES: ALLURING BELLADONNA BERRY RED. THE CALL OF THE SIRENS LURES YOU INTO THE DEEPLY PERFUMED BOUQUET OF INTENSE JASMINE, INCENSE, SMOKED MEAT AND AN ENDLESS ARRAY OF SUGGESTIVE AROMAS PERMEATING YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS AND VYING FOR YOUR FAVOR. ONCE COMMITTED TO THE GLASS, YOU BECOME THE SUBMISSIVE. DEEPLY TEXTURED AND BROADLY DEFINED SYRAH COATS THE PALATE WHILE WAVE AFTER WAVE OF BERRY AND SPICE PLUNGE YOU DEEPER INTO THE ABYSS. STEM TANNINS JOIN WITH COOL CLIMATE ACIDITY TO PROVIDE ENDURING RESTRAINT PROLONGING YOUR ODYSSEY. ONCE YOU HAVE, YOU CANNOT UNHEAR THE SIRENS' CALL. 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.

*"AMALIE ROBERT, WHOSE VINEYARD IS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, MAKES A VERY STRONG CASE FOR SYRAH, BUT PRODUCTION OF THEIR TWO GRACEFUL WINES IS PAINFULLY SMALL, AS IN JUST A FEW BARRELS OF WINE PER VINTAGE."*

*- JOSH RAYNOLDS, VINOUS, FEBRUARY 2018*

### SYRAH ACCOLADES

2012 SATISFACTION 92 POINTS – VINOUS, OCTOBER 2016

2012 TOP BARREL 94 POINTS – VINOUS FEBRUARY 2018

