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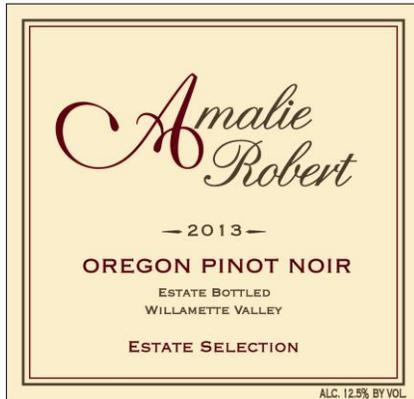
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2013 ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIR



ESTATE SELECTION IS AN EXCLUSIVE BARREL SELECTION OF PINOT NOIR REPRESENTING THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF OUR VINEYARD. EVERY BLOCK WITHIN OUR 35 ACRE VINEYARD IS INDIVIDUALLY HAND HARVESTED AT ITS PEAK OF FLAVOR MATURITY AND INTENSITY. BLOCK BY BLOCK, THE FRUIT IS FERMENTED IN SMALL 1.5 TON LOTS AND MATURED FOR OVER 12 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS.

ESTATE SELECTION IS ERNIE'S INTERPRETATION OF THE VINTAGE EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR ESTATE GROWN SINGLE VINEYARD. HE IS THE ALSO THE WINEGROWER AND BEARS WITNESS TO THE VINES STRUGGLE EACH YEAR TO RIPEN WONDERFULLY EXPRESSIVE AROMAS AND FLAVORS.

IN THE CELLAR, HE RECALLS THE GROWING SEASON AND THIS HELPS DRIVE HIS BARREL SELECTION. EACH BARREL CONTRIBUTES A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE OF THE VINTAGE FROM AROMA AND SPICE TO WHOLE CLUSTER TANNIN AND ACIDITY. ALL BLENDED FOR COMPLEXITY AND PATIENT CELLARING.

TASTING NOTES: PERSUASIVE RED. DEEPLY FRAGRANT AROMAS OF TILLED EARTH, SWEET WILD RASPBERRIES, AGED CIGAR BOX CEDAR, DRIED ROSEMARY AND PHEROMONE PROVIDE A MOMENT OF PAUSE. ENERGETIC AND FULLY ENGAGING THE PALATE WITH A WILD STREAK OF WADENSWIL CLONE PROMPTING THE RELEASE OF ENDORPHINS. INTEGRATED STEM TANNINS AND BALANCED ACIDITY SOOTH DURING THE REFRACTORY PERIOD. 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 2013 Pinot Noir Estate Selection
Willamette Valley, Oregon
Red wine from United States
Drinking window: 2020 - 2025

Limpid red. A complex, highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red fruit, blood orange and floral pastilles, and a strong suggestion of exotic Moroccan spices builds with aeration. Shows very good depth of flavor but comes off lithe, offering zesty raspberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors that take a turn to darker fruits on the back half. A hint of vanilla sweetens a very long, silky, gently tannic finish that leaves five-spice powder and candied lavender notes behind.

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