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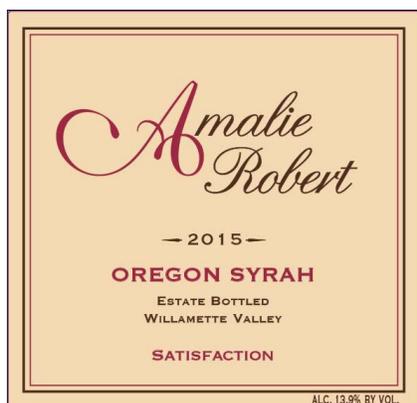
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2015 SATISFACTION SYRAH



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: UNEQUIVOCALLY ENIGMATIC RED. AND SO IT BEGINS, WITH BLACK OLIVE TAPENADE, CARDAMOM, CINNAMON AND ENOUGH DEEP DARK FRUIT TO CUSS A BLUE STREAK. DECEPTIVELY ENGAGING ON THE RICH AND JUICY PALATE UNTIL THE WHOLE CLUSTER TANNINS COME INTO FOCUS PROVIDING WELCOME RESTRAINT AND AN ENERGIZED POSTERIORI PALATE CONDITION. 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.

TODAY, AMALIE ROBERT ESTATE IS A 60-ACRE PROPERTY WITH 35 ACRES OF SUSTAINABLY DRY FARMED VINES AND A STATE OF THE ART, GRAVITY FLOW WINERY. DENA AND ERNIE GROW, HARVEST, FERMENT, BLEND AND BOTTLE ALL OF THEIR OWN WINES. THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIELD ARE REWARDED WITH WINES THAT ARE “TRUE TO THE SOIL AND TRUE TO THE VINTAGE.®” AMALIE ROBERT IS A COMBINATION OF DENA’S MIDDLE NAME, “AMALIE” (PRONOUNCED AIM-A-LEE), AND ERNIE’S, “ROBERT.”

2014 SATISFACTION SYRAH ACCOLADES: 93 POINTS – VINOUS, SEPTEMBER 2020

2013 SATISFACTION SYRAH ACCOLADES: 90 POINTS – VINOUS, FEBRUARY 2018

