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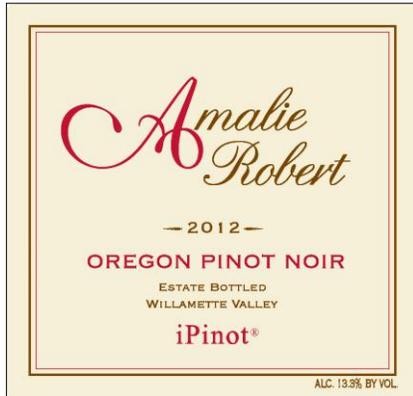
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## 2012 IPINOT® PINOT NOIR



IPINOT IS BLENDED FROM RESERVE QUALITY BARRELS OF WINE SELECTED FOR OUR LUXURY TIER “HERS AND HIS” AMALIE’S CUVÉE AND ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIRS.

WHILE WE BOTH LOVE CLASSICALLY STYLED BURGUNDY, AND WELL-AGED TRADITIONAL RIOJA, SEDIMENTARY SOILS IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY WERE WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR SITE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY (1999.) THE ONLY ISSUE WE COULD SEE WAS THAT THERE WAS A CHERRY ORCHARD GROWING ON TOP OF OUR VINEYARD.

WHILE OUR WINES ARE ALL SINGLE VINEYARD AND ESTATE GROWN, THE 35 ACRE VINEYARD IS PLANTED TO SEVERAL

DIFFERENT CLONES OF PINOT NOIR GRAFTED ONTO A VARIETY OF ROOTSTOCKS. THIS GIVES US AN EXTENSIVE ARRAY OF BARRELS TO SELECT FROM.

AFTER 12 MONTHS OF BELOW GROUND BARREL AGING, BLENDING TRIALS CAN BEGIN. WE ARE LOOKING FOR BARRELS OF WINE THAT PLAY WELL TOGETHER AND CREATE A MORE COMPLEX AND INTRIGUING BLEND THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL BARREL. WHILE BLENDING IS A TEAM EFFORT, DENA WIELDS VETO POWER.

TASTING NOTES: ENDLESS RED CONJURES BLACK CHERRY, BAKING COCOA, CINNAMON, FIVE SPICE AND THE HEADY SCENT OF FRESHLY TILLED SOIL AFTER A SPRING SHOWER. THE EXPANSIVE MID-PALATE TAKES FOCUS AS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF ENERGY RELEASED FROM THE PURE EXPRESSION OF FRUIT CAPTIVATES AND STIMULATES. AS THE TANNINS AND ENFORCING ACIDITY PERMEATE, IT IS ALL AT ONCE ELEGANT AND SUBLIME, PLEASURE AND DESIRE. 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.

<b>vinous</b>	<b>90</b> pts
<b>Amalie Robert Estate 2012 Pinot Noir iPinot</b>	
Willamette Valley, Oregon Red wine from United States Drinking window: 2017 - 2022	
Vivid red. Musky red and dark berries and a hint of candied rose on the pungent nose. Juicy and focused, delivering solid thrust to the bitter cherry and black raspberry flavors. A touch of cola comes up on a long, sappy finish given shape by smooth tannins.	
Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: October 2016	
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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 REYNOLDS, VINOUS, DECEMBER 2016

2010 IPINOT ACCOLADES: 91 POINTS – STEPHEN TANZER'S IWC, 2014

2009 IPINOT ACCOLADES: 92 POINTS – STEPHEN TANZER'S IWC, JULY/AUG 2013

