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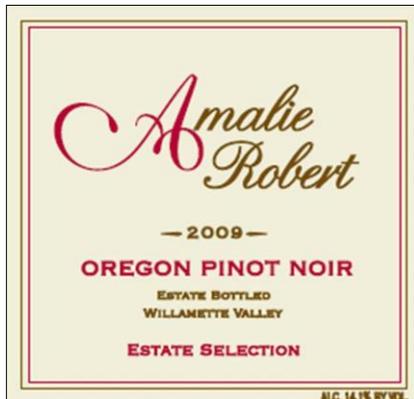
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## 2009 ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIR



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: "A LITTLE BIT DANGEROUS" RED. THE SENSORY EVALUATION STARTS WITH A DELINEATED ARRAY OF RIPE RASPBERRY, CINNAMON, CLOVE AND "CERISE SAUVAGES NOIRES" THAT TRIGGER THE EARLY WARNING PHEROMONE RECEPTORS - GAME ON.

THE PALATE EXPERIENCE BEGINS INNOCENTLY WITH A FULL SPECTRUM OF WELL DEVELOPED, YET RESTRAINED PINOT NOIR FRUIT THAT SOON REVEALS THE STAYING POWER OF STEM TANNIN AND VIBRANT ACIDITY. AS THE FINISH LINGERS EFFORTLESSLY, YOU RETURN TO THE EDGE AND WTF (WAFT THE FRUIT.) 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.

*"...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*

<b>vinous</b>	92 pts
Amalie Robert Estate 2009 Pinot Noir Estate Selection Willamette Valley	
Oregon, Oregon Red wine from United States	
Drinking window:	
Bright medium red. Sexy, intensely perfumed aromas of strawberry, cherry, potpourri and spicecake, with a hint of blood orange in the background. Bright and taut on entry, then sweet and fleshy in the mid-palate, offering seamless red fruit preserve flavors and a hint of candied rose. Shows strong spiciness and floral character on the finish, which lingers with impressive persistence and clarity.	
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