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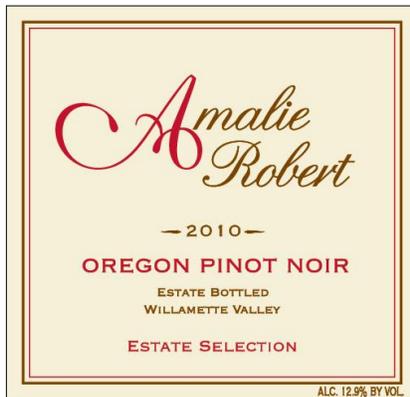
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2010 ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIR



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: THE COLOR OF CHERRY SO *SAUVAGE* AND AROMAS OF FRESHLY HAND HEWN BRAZILIAN CHERRY WOOD, INCENSE, RED CURRANT AND RIPE RED RASPBERRY SET THE STAGE. THE PALATE EXPERIENCE ENTERTAINS WITH A LIVELY AND COMPLEX WEAVE OF RED FRUITS, SANDALWOOD AND GUARDED VIRTUE BEFORE ABANDONING CONTROL TO PERSUASIVE ACIDITY AND REFINED STEM TANNINS THAT LINGER EFFORTLESSLY. 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 2010 Pinot Noir
Estate Selection Willamette Valley

Oregon, Oregon
Red wine from United States

Drinking window:

Bright red. Expressive spicy, floral bouquet evokes fresh rose, red berries and incense, with a subtle orange zest note adding lift. Silky, tangy and precise, offering nervy redcurrant and raspberry flavors that slowly flesh out with air. Shows outstanding clarity and lift on the long, spicy finish, which betrays just a hint of fine-grained tannins.

Josh Reynolds, July 2014

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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 ESTATE SELECTION ACCOLADES

92 POINTS – STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, JULY/AUG 2012

