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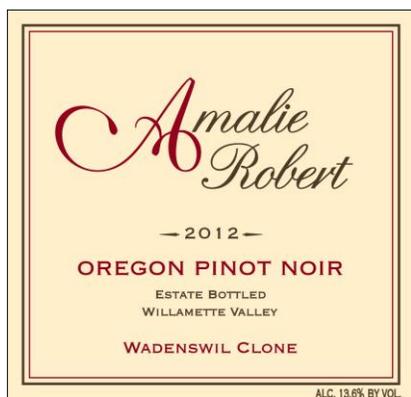
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2012 WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR



WADENSWIL CLONE IS A 2 BARREL SELECTION OF ESTATE GROWN WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR.

WHEN PLANNING OUR VINEYARD, WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED WITH THE WADENSWIL CLONE WINES WE HAD EXPERIENCED FROM SEDIMENTARY SOIL VINEYARDS. THE FRAGRANT, INTENSE, LASER FOCUSED FRUIT AROMAS WERE RELENTLESS. IT IS NO ACCIDENT, BUT A STRATEGIC CHOICE THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR SEDIMENTARY SOIL VINEYARD BLOCKS PLANTED TO WADENSWIL CLONE.

IT MAY SEEM THAT WE GO TO A GOOD DEAL OF TROUBLE TO EXPLAIN AN INCONSEQUENTIAL EVENT, BUT IT IS NOT SO. WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR GROWN ON OUR

SEDIMENTARY SOILS IS, FOR US, WHAT PINOT NOIR IS ALL ABOUT. THE FULL RANGE OF PINOT NOIR AROMAS AND FLAVORS ALONG WITH A DIZZYING ARRAY OF MID-PALATE TEXTURES AND REVERBERATING ACIDITY DEFINE THE WADENSWIL CLONE.

TASTING NOTES: RECALCITRANT RED LEADS TO AROMAS OF AFTERNOON SUN WARMED BLACKBERRIES ON THE VINE, BLACK TEA, CINNAMON, AND SANDAL WOOD SPICE BOUND IN THE RESTRAINTS OF BRIDLE LEATHER. WHOA, A STRAPPING YOUNG WINE. THE PALATE IS THE TRADITIONAL VELVET GLOVE OF WADENSWIL - ELEGANCE MASKING INTENTION, BUT ONLY MORE SO AS THE VINTAGE CHARACTER EXPRESSES ITSELF UNABATED. PRIMAL FRUIT CHARACTERS YIELD TO TEXTURE AND INTENSITY. MUSCULAR STEM TANNINS AND ENABLING ACIDITY ARE THE ENFORCERS OF A PROTRACTED AND IMMEASURABLY PLEASURABLE INTERLUDE. 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

2012 WADENSWIL CLONE PINOT NOIR ACCOLADES
93 POINTS – VINOUS, OCTOBER 2015

vinous 93 pts

Amalie Robert Estate 2012 Pinot Noir Wadenswil Clone
 Willamette Valley, Oregon
 Red wine from United States
 Drinking window: 2018 - 2022

Brilliant red. Potent mineral-tinged aromas of black raspberry, cherry-cola and smoky Indian spices, with a hint of lavender in the background. Concentrated yet lithe on the palate, offering intense dark berry compote and bitter cherry flavors that slowly become sweeter with aeration. Chewy tannins come on late, adding grip to the very long, penetrating, fruit-driven finish.

Josh Raynolds. Tasting date: August 2015
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