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2008 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: SMOLDERING RED. CIGAR BOX, INCENSE, POMEGRANATE, AND TEXAS RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT ZEST PROVIDE INTRIGUE. THE PALATE IS FOCUSED AND TRANSCENDING WITH CERISE SAUVAGES NOIRES, UNSWEETENED CRANBERRY, BAKING CHOCOLATE, FIVE SPICE, AND BLACK TEA LEAVES. THE LENGTHY FINISH IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE CULMINATION OF MID-PALATE ACIDITY, FINE GRAINED STEM TANNINS FROM EXTENDED BARREL AGING AND THE IMMEDIATE DESIRE FOR ROAST DUCK.

THIS WINE IS BEST DESCRIBED BY A COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSION RESERVED FOR STEAM LOCOMOTIVES OF OLD, "HIGH, WIDE AND HANSON." 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

	91+ pts
Amalie Robert Estate 2008 Pinot Noir Wadenswil Clone Willamette Valley Oregon, Oregon Red wine from United States Drinking window: Bright red. Displays an array of red and dark berry scents, along with notes of cherry-cola, pungent herbs and baking spices. Sappy, deeply pitched cherry and black raspberry flavors are well concentrated but surprisingly lively, picking up a zesty mineral quality with air. Dusty tannins add grip to the sweet, incisive finish. This benefits a lot from air; it was fermented with all whole clusters, as are all the pinots here. Josh Raynolds, July 2011 © 2019 Vinous Media	