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## 2011 LAZARUS, PINOT NOIR

AVA: WILLAMETTE VALLEY

WHOLE CLUSTER: 40%

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE: OCT. 20TH-NOV 2ND

ELEVAGE: 100% FRENCH OAK, 5% NEW

BOTTLED UNFINED AND UNFILTERED

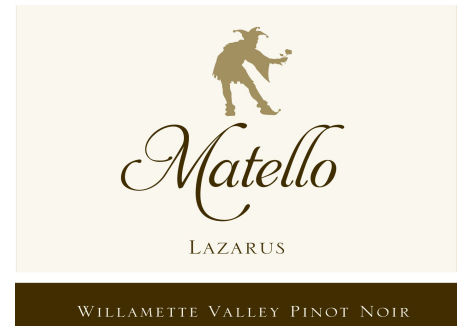
PRODUCTION: 1012 CASES

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

VINEYARDS: WHISTLING RIDGE,

DURANT VINEYARD WINTER'S HILL, HOFFARTH, HANSON AND

BISHOP CREEK VINEYARD



2011 IS ONE OF THE LATEST VINTAGE AND COOLEST VINTAGES IN OREGON HISTORY. GRAPES WERE HARVESTED INTO NOVEMBER. WEATHER THROUGHOUT HARVEST WAS COOL, OCCASIONALLY WET, BUT WITH EXCELLENT PICKING WINDOWS AND PLENTY OF COOL, BUT SUNNY DAYS. ALCOHOLS ARE NATURALLY LOW, AND SOME CHAPTALIZATION TOOK PLACE, BUT FLAVORS WERE MATURE AND WELL DEVELOPED.

THE LAZARUS CUVEE IS A BLEND OF 6 VINEYARDS, HIGHLIGHTING THE TERROIR OF THE NORTHERN WILLAMETTE VALLEY. ALL FERMENTS ARE DONE IN 1.5 TON BINS WITH NATIVE YEAST AND NO TEMPERATURE CONTROL. PUNCH-DOWNS ARE DONE BY HAND FROM START TO FINISH. WINES ARE RACKED DIRECTLY TO BARREL AT THE END OF FERMENTATION AND REMAIN SO UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO BOTTLING. AGED 11 MONTHS IN BARREL THIS CUVEE HIGHLIGHTS THE PRETTY FRUIT, AND ELEGANT CHARACTER OF THE VINTAGE. THE 2011 LAZARUS WILL DEVELOP WELL FOR THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS.

THE WINE IS LIGHT RUBY IN COLOR. AROMATICS JUMP FROM THE GLASS AND CENTER AROUND BING AND RAINIER CHERRY FRUIT WITH HINTS OF EARTH, MEAT, AND SAVORY HERB. THE PALATE BRINGS A SMALL SIMILARITY TO GOOD CRU BEAUJOLAIS, TEXTURED BUT LIVELY IN THE MOUTH. RED FRUITS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AS THE WINE OPENS WITH AIR, STAYING WITH RASPBERRY, CHERRY, AND SOME MARIONBERRY NOTES. ACIDITY IS BRIGHT IN THE BEGINNING BUT INTEGRATES AS THE WINE FILLS OUT IN THE GLASS. DRINK FROM NOW TO 2022.