

## 2016 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ STRAIGHT SHOOTER PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**91 pts/Best Buy** “Coasting on a seductive mélange of savory tobacco, woodsmoke, Scotch and mushrooms, this pinot opens to reveal a lovely core of muddled strawberry flavor. It’s generous but made tense by acidity and all that savor. Chill slightly before serving with a wood-fired mushroom pizza.”

Patrick Comiskey, *Wine & Spirits Magazine*  
October 2018

**90 pts – Very Good+** “This dark red colored value Pinot Noir is very good. It opens with a strawberry and red raspberry bouquet with a hint of oak. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, slightly acidic and juicy. The flavor profile is a mild mineral and oak influenced red currant with notes of black raspberry and clove. The finish is finish is dry and its flavors drift away nicely. This Pinot goes down easy and has an Old-World twist to it. It would pair well with a charcuterie platter.”

Ken Hoggins, *KensWineGuide.com*  
February 12, 2019

**90 pts/100 TOP VALUES FOR 2018** “Generous and lively, with supple raspberry and baking spice flavors that dance along the vibrant finish.”

Tim Fish, *Wine Spectator*  
December 2018

**90 pts** “Brilliant red. Lively red and blue fruit aromas show good clarity and pick up floral and allspice nuances with air. Silky and seamless in texture, offering sweet black raspberry and cherry flavors that show good depth as well as energy. In an emphatically fruity style; the long, smooth, berry-dominated finish is framed by discreet tannins.”

Josh Reynolds, *Vinous*  
January 2018



**89 pts** “Pale to medium ruby-purple in color, the 2016 Straight Shooter Pinot Noir is scented of crisp, fresh red fruits: red cherries, currants and cranberries with underlying smoke and herbal notions. The light to medium-bodied palate is very lifted and fresh, with some herbal accents from the experimental 50% whole cluster used for this cuvée, with fine, grainy tannins, finishing long, fresh and fruity.”

**Erin Brooks, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**August 2018**

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