



2016 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS

CONSULTING WINEMAKER: Louis-Michel Liger-Belair
REGION: Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.5 g/L | pH: 3.59

VINTAGE:

Similar to the last two vintages, the 2016 growing season continued to push the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced throughout the state resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.

AVAs & VINEYARDS:

Eola Amity - Eagle Crest, Eola Springs, Popcorn
McMinnville - Hyland
Willamette Valley - Croft
Yamhill Carlton - Fairsing, Gran Moraine, Stardance

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was 100% destemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in two and five-ton stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were "infused" as whole berries at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in 100% French oak barriques (25% new) for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES:

Layers of cranberry, redcurrant and kirsch aromas are supported by subtle notes of holiday spice. Ripe red fruit flavors envelop the palate throughout its length with savory forest floor nuances adding complexity. Vibrant acidity brings energy and balance while supple tannins perfectly frame the flavors across the impressively long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts/Best Buy - Wine & Spirits, 91 pts - Vinous

ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ:

Driven by a tireless hunt for elusive sites where Pinot Noir shines, Maison L'Envoyé, 'The House of the Messenger' traverses the globe with the intention of presenting the acme of regionality and winemaking styles. With winemaking footprints in Burgundy, Willamette Valley, Central Otago and Tasmania, we champion many unsung growers who have farmed their vineyards for decades and generations, some mere feet away from more illustriously cited neighbors. This project has been a standout since our debut in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming Maison L'Envoyé a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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