



## 2012 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ THE ATTACHÉ

**CONSULTING  
WINEMAKER:**

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**REGION:**

Willamette Valley, Oregon

**VARIETALS:**

Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/Dijon 114/115/777)

**MATURATION:**

10 months in 100% French oak (20% new)

**ANALYSIS:**

13.8% alc/vol | TA: 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.8

**REGION:**

While Pinotophiles have keenly monitored Oregon's evolution for decades, it seems the greater wine world has just awakened to regard its temperate climate and ancient soils as a hotbed for one finicky variety. Sheltered from inclement weather by the western Coastal Range and the eastern Cascade Range, Willamette Valley vines thrive, imbuing complex flavors and spirited acidity from a long growing season. Its namesake, the Willamette River, crisscrosses an ancient volcanic and sedimentary seabed overlaid with gravel, silt, and rock. Stewarded by family vigneron with an intimate knowledge of their land, and a new generation of eager winemakers, many are tipping their hats to Burgundy's new-world counterpart.

**WINEMAKING:**

The Attaché is a barrel selection culled from both alluvial and volcanic vineyard sites. Together they represent a singular expression of the intensity and vibrancy that Pinot Noir can achieve when tended to with a respectful and minimalist approach. An indigenous whole berry fermentation took place employing a gentle infusion technique to extract color and depth without excessive phenolics. The wine then matured for ten months in French oak barriques, 20% of which were new.

**TASTING NOTES:**

Redolent of dark cherry and mineral on the nose that follows up with brooding dark berry fruit on the palate, with hints of sassafras and gravel interwoven into a lifted, silky finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:**

94 pts - Wine Spectator, 94 pts - Wine & Spirits, 92 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

**ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ:**

Originating in Burgundy, Maison L'Envoyé crafts this region's wine trinity: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Gamay Noir. Yet from this tenor of focus and commitment a global fellowship emerged, with terroir-driven Pinot Noir as the linchpin. Driven by the elusive hunt for the world's finest Pinot Noir sites, Maison L'Envoyé traverses the globe, presenting the many veils of regionality and winemaking style. With winemaking footprints in Burgundy, Willamette Valley and Tasmania, Maison L'Envoyé champions many unsung growers who have farmed their vineyards for decades and generations, some mere feet away from more illustriously cited neighbors. Maison L'Envoyé has been a standout since launching in 2014 including Wine & Spirits naming it a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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