



2013 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ THE ATTACHÉ

CONSULTING WINEMAKER: Louis-Michel Liger-Belair
REGION: Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
Clones: Pommard/Dijon 114/115/777
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak (40% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.4 g/L | pH: 3.64

VINTAGE:

A classically warm, dry season marred only by a typhoon during harvest that dumped ten inches of rain over two weeks. A tale of three harvests: fruit picked before, during and then after the rain. Some sites actually benefited from the rain given the dry year, but disease was an issue and judicious sorting, both in the vineyard and the winery, was paramount. Fruit (yields were 2-3 tons/acre) was harvested September 14 - October 18.

AVAs & VINEYARDS:

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

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 12 months in French oak barriques, 40% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES:

Redolent of boysenberry and mineral on the nose that joins clove, forest floor, cola, subtle black pepper and toasty oak notes on the palate. Welcomed acidity lifts and extends the flavors through a long, silky finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts - Wine & Spirits, 91 pts - The Wine Advocate, 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 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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