



## 2018 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ MORGON - CÔTE DU PY

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**REGION:** Beaujolais, France  
**VARIETALS:** Gamay Noir  
**MATURATION:** 8 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.70

### VINEYARDS:

Morgon produces hearty, expressive, long living Gamay, with the finest vineyards being situated along the Côte du Py. And it's here that 40 year old vines are planted, on schists rich in manganese and iron. This soil structure provides a mineral edge to the raspberry and dark red fruit characters typically seen. The grapes harvested here are very representative of the best this appellation can offer. The grapes were hand harvested in September from pebbly, iron oxide rich soil, typical of this appellation.

### WINEMAKING:

A semi-carbonic traditional method with 80% whole clusters. The must underwent a long, natural ferment utilizing wild yeasts in open-top vessels with submerged caps. The wine matured over the following 8 months in a combination of small tanks on fine lees and seasoned French oak achieving a subtle integration of oak spice characters and texture.

### TASTING NOTES:

Powerful aromas of dark berries, blood orange with fennel and forest floor nuances. The palate is rich and layered yet lively. Blackberry and Christmas cake flavors are balanced by the fresh natural acidity and a well-placed tannin backbone. A serious yet versatile Côte du Py.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2017 vintage: 90 pts - Wine Spectator, 90 pts - Wine & Spirits

### 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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