



2015 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ STRAIGHT SHOOTER PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER:	Felipe Ramirez
REGION:	Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667)
MATURATION:	12 months in 100% French oak
ANALYSIS:	13.8% alc/vol TA: 5.5 pH: 3.55

VINTAGE:

2015 was a nearly ideal growing season. It began with a warm winter and above average temperatures continued through the summer. Light scattered showers in late August and a return to normalcy in September gave a break to what was an intense growing season. The result was concentrated, balanced fruit throughout one of the driest and hottest vintages in Oregon's winemaking history. The quality is excellent with plenty of sugar and enough acid to balance lower than average pH levels. This has been one of those all too rare vintages where you get high yields and exceptional quality.

AVAs & VINEYARDS:

The fruit for was hand-harvested from selected vineyards planted in sedimentary and volcanic soils in Willamette Valley's sub-AVAs, Eola-Amity Hills and McMinnville.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was 95% destemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were "infused" as whole berries and 5% whole clusters at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in 100% French oak barrels for 12 months.

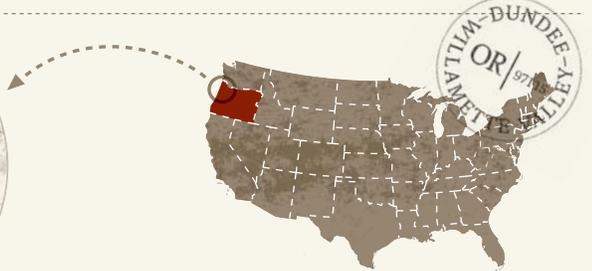
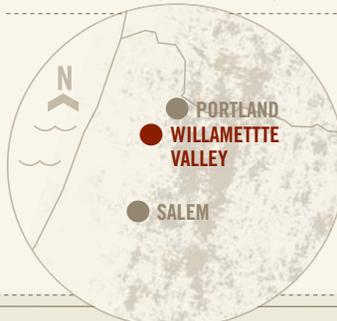
TASTING NOTES:

Hand-picked, unadulterated Pinot Noir from pristine vineyard blocks across Willamette Valley. The 5% whole cluster ferment influences the intense aromatics of dark cherry and blue fruits alongside subtle earth and elegant floral notes. The palate mirrors the nose and is full of freshness with a touch of oak for texture and balance. Vibrant acidity and soft tannins support the flavors through a long, satisfying finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed.

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, they 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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