



2014 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ THE ATTACHÉ PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER :	Louis-Michel Liger-Belair (consultant)
REGION :	Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS :	Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/Dijon 114/115/777)
MATURATION :	12 months in 100% French oak (35% new)
ANALYSIS :	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.1 pH: 3.68

VINTAGE :

The 2014 vintage in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime. From bud break through harvest, growers and winemakers experienced an almost ideal growing season. Conditions were mostly dry and warmer than normal throughout the spring providing a great environment for flowering and fruit set. The result was large clusters that ripened evenly over the course of the warm, dry summer.

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, 35% of which were new.

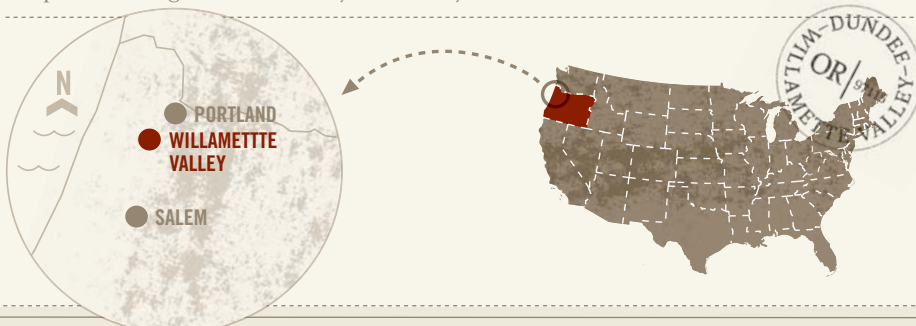
TASTING NOTES :

Red fruits and lifted floral aromas are complemented by mineral and forest floor notes. The palate is mouth filling, textured and lush. Bing cherry and blackcurrant flavors lead with layers of oak derived spice adding depth. Supple, well integrated tannins provide definition to the long and elegant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 93 pts Vinous, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

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, 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 its debut in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming Maison L'Envoyé a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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