

# 2016 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

## MORGON - CÔTE DU PY



**REGION:** Beaujolais, France  
**VARIETALS:** Gamay Noir  
**MATURATION:** 8 months in French oak barriques (3-4 years old)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.0% alc/vol | 5.9 g/L TA | 3.71 pH

**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 from pebbly soil, schistous, iron oxide rich, typical of this appellation.

**WINEMAKING:** A semi-carbonic traditional method with 30% 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:** Brooding aromas of dark berries with licorice and forest floor nuances. The palate is rich with blackberry and plum pudding flavors balanced by fresh acidity and a well-placed tannin backbone. The wine finishes as rich and layered as it begins. A serious yet versatile Côte du Py.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts/Smart Buy Wine Spectator

**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.

