

2016 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

MORGON - FLEURIE



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in second use French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.02 g/L TA | 3.64 pH

VINEYARDS: Fleurie is known for an elegant, floral style of Beaujolais. If Moulin-à-Vent is the King of Beaujolais, Fleurie is certainly the Queen, ranking among the most revered Beaujolais Crus. Chateau Vivier monopole is one of the oldest monopole plots in the region. The east facing 50-year-old untrained vines are grown in deep granite hillside soils and produce lively, expressive wines.

WINEMAKING: Half of the fruit was de-stemmed and the whole berries underwent a long, natural ferment utilizing wild yeasts in open-top vessels. The other half were fermented as whole clusters, contributing a floral lift to the intense primary fruit. The wine matured over the following 11 months in second use French oak, achieving a subtle integration of oak spice characters.

TASTING NOTES: Vibrant aromas of wild strawberry, raspberry compote and violets with subtle hints of nutmeg and clove. The mouthfeel is lush with layers of primary red berry fruit supported by velvety tannins and a lively acid line. The wine finishes with succulent and layered red fruit flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2015 vintage: 92 pts Vinous, 91 pts/Best Buy/Year's Best Red Burgundy List 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, 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.

