

# 2016 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: 4.9 | pH: 3.53

**VINTAGE:** An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced throughout the state resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.

**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. 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:** Lifted aromas of red and dark berries, dried flowers and herbs with touches of spice and woodsmoke. The palate fills the mouth with fleshy red fruits, cherry cola and earthy layers. Gentle tannins provide a structured yet soft frame to the fruit which is kept in line by a satisfying minerality. The wine finishes long with clarity and focus.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 93 pts Vinous, 91 pts 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.

