

2018 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ STRAIGHT SHOOTER PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



91 pts “This modern pinot oozes spiced red cherries and delivers a fresh yet sturdy core of flavor with vibrant, sinewy tannin. Oak is also a feature.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
February 3, 2020

90 pts “Brilliant red. Smoke- and spice-accented cherry and black raspberry scents show very good clarity and lift. Bitter cherry and red berry flavors take a sweeter turn as the wine stretches out. Closes long and focused, with youthfully gripping tannins and a hint of succulent herbs.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
August 2020

89 pts “Medium ruby-purple, the 2018 Straight Shooter Pinot Noir is youthfully shy on the nose, slowly opening to black cherries, blackberries and red currants with notions of underbrush, cardamom, dried herbs and violet. The palate is medium-bodied with good intensity and a much fuller fruit profile than its 2017 counterpart. It has a firm, grainy frame and well-woven freshness on the finish.”

Erin Brooks
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
April 23, 2020

89 pts “This is the best vintage to date for this affordable Pinot Noir, packed with juicy blackberry and black cherry fruit. There are highlights of black olive and polished tannins, and a firm, balanced, medium-bodied finish.”

Paul Gregutt
Wine Enthusiast
April 1, 2020