

2018 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

FLEURIE



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in second use French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 5.9 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: Lifted aromas of fresh wild strawberries, raspberry jam and violets with hints of nutmeg and smoked nuts. The mouthfeel is alive with layers of juicy red and dark berries, black olives and cinnamon which are supported by velvety tannins and well-balanced natural acidity. The wine finishes with poise and harmony. Delicious.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed.

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.

