

# 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



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**88 pts** “Perfumed and very pretty aromas speak of poached plum, dark cherry and lovely spice and floral nuances. While the middle weight flavors are not particularly dense, they do offer excellent delineation and plenty of punch and particularly so on the mildly austere finish that flirts with dryness...”

Allen Meadows  
Burghound  
October 13, 2020