

2019 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ FLEURIE



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in neutral French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 6.25 g/L TA | 3.65 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 vinified in concrete. The other half fermented as whole clusters with traditional carbonic maceration contributing a floral lift and intense primary fruit. After 2 weeks the free-run juice was racked to stainless steel and neutral French oak where the wine continued its élevage.

TASTING NOTES: Unmistakably Fleurie - pretty on the nose, luscious on the palate. Flowers waft from the glass along with aromas of raspberries and pomegranate. The palate is youthful and alive with a granite-like minerality accented with red fruits and baking spices.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Vinous

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.

