



2012 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



96 pts/PLATINUM AWARD WINNER/Best of Class “Glowing with luminescent, red-fruit flavors, fine combination of Pinot substance and elegance.”

Nick Passmore
Critics Challenge International Wine Competition 2014

94 pts “This exemplary Pinot Noir shows great purity and freshness, starting off with fresh scents of pie cherries and red berries as well as light floral accents that can express themselves thanks to very restrained oak. The flavors are likewise very fresh and bright, with truly light body that will make this very versatile at the table. Nevertheless, this is no mere wisp of a wine, as unusually high acidity and fine grained tannins will enable this to age gracefully and acquire even more complexity from time in bottle. Few American Pinots can match this for delicacy - arguably Pinot’s prime virtue.”

Michael Franz
WineReviewOnline.com
June 17, 2014

92 pts “Crisp, focused and expressive, broadening out on the finish into a panoply of gorgeous black fruit, meaty and spicy notes that sing in harmony as the finish lingers deftly.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 2014

91 pts “Bright ruby. Sappy berries, Asian spices, minerals and fresh flowers on the fragrant nose. Then suave and juicy in the mouth, with excellent cut and purity to the tangy red berry and rose pastille flavors. Penetrating and powerful yet at the same time elegant and light on its feet. Finishes silky and very long, with resonating spiciness and no obvious tannins.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014



90 pts/GOLD MEDAL

Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition 2014

89 pts “A forward, softly fruity wine closer to California Pinot than most Oregon examples. The vintage contributes lush fruit flavors of strawberry and cherry, while aging in 20% new French oak brings a layer of smooth milk chocolate.”

**Paul Gregutt
Wine Enthusiast
June 2014**

