



2011 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ BOURGOGNE ROUGE

REGION :	Côte d'Or, Burgundy
VARIETALS :	Pinot Noir (Clones: 877/114/119/113)
MATURATION :	12-14 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS :	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.48 pH: 3.45

CÔTE D'OR :

Burgundy's famed 'golden slope' is a south-east facing escarpment that offers essential aspect in this continental climate, while Jurassic limestone provides unmatched minerality. Grand Cru Pinot Noirs of silken form are made in the northern Côte de Nuits, while the southern arc, the Côte de Beaune, boasts elegant Pinot Noirs alongside revered Grand Cru Chardonnays.

VINTAGE :

2011 was only the sixth time on record when harvest began in August. Fruit is described as 'uncommonly clean', such that triage focused largely on the removal of unripe bunches, rather than diseased fruit. The 'clean' fruit delivered red wines that are beautiful middleweights with modest but sufficient acidity. A cross between 2002 and 2007.

WINEMAKING :

Indigenous yeast fermentation in stainless steel with gentle cap management to extract color and flavor without excessive phenolics. Matured in neutral French oak for 12 – 14 months to meld flavors and preserve fresh aromatics without imparting dominant oak.

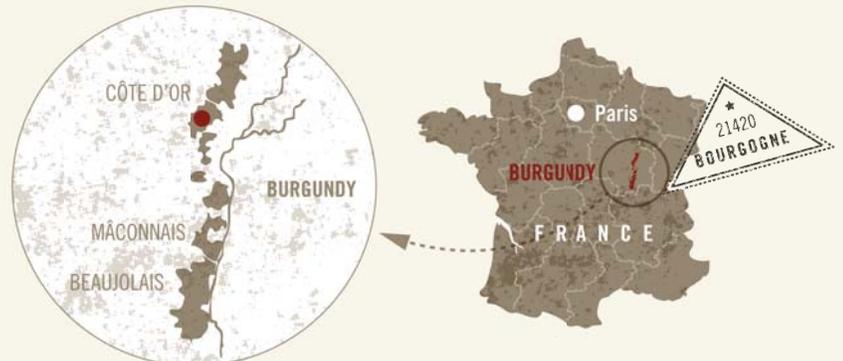
TASTING NOTES :

Comprising several village wines plus a component of 1^{er} Cru Savigny 'les Marconnets'. Raspberry aromas and baking spices lead, followed by crunchy red fruits, silky grape tannins and a nervy, acid backbone. Begs for charcuterie.

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 and Tasmania, we 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 our debut in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming Maison L'Envoyé a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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