



## 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** “Here the nose is notably more restrained with very cool aromas of rose petal, violets, plum, briar and a hint of exotic tea. In the same fashion as the Attaché the mouth feel of the middle weight flavors is quite sleek... This is certainly solid...”

**Allen Meadows  
Burghound.com  
January 15, 2015**

**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**

