



2013 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ FLEURIE

REGION : Beaujolais, Burgundy
VARIETALS : Gamay Noir
MATURATION : 11 months in 2nd use French oak
ALCOHOL : 13% alc/vol

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. The Chateau Vivier monopole, one of the oldest monopole plots in the region, produces a lively, expressive wine from its 80-year-old untrained vines.

WINEMAKING :

The fruit was de-stemmed and the whole berries underwent a long, natural ferment utilizing wild yeasts in open-top vessels. The wine matured over the following 11 months in second use French oak, achieving a subtle integration of oak spice characters.

TASTING NOTES :

The inaugural vintage of the Maison L'Envoyé Fleurie has a bright, fruit-forward nose of ripe opal plums, strawberry, rhubarb and violets, dusted with hints of Christmas spices. The palate is juicy and expressive, with an undeniable elegance. Layers of strawberry unfold with notes of black olive, cinnamon and coriander, leading flawlessly into a long, full-flavored finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts Vinous, 88 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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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