



2015 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER :	Louis-Michel Liger-Belair (consultant)
REGION :	Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS :	Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667)
MATURATION :	12 months in 100% French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS :	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.4 pH: 3.60

VINTAGE :

2015 was a nearly ideal growing season. It began with a warm winter and above average temperatures continued through the summer. Light scattered showers in late August and a return to normalcy in September gave a break to what was an intense growing season. The result was concentrated, balanced fruit throughout one of the driest and warmest vintages in Oregon's winemaking history.

AVAs & VINEYARDS :

Eola Amity - Eagle Crest, Eola Springs, Popcorn **McMinnville** - Hyland
Yamhill Carlton - Fairsing, Gran Moraine, Stardance **Willamette Valley** - Croft

WINEMAKING :

The fruit was 100% de-stemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in two and five-ton stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were allowed to "infuse" as whole berries at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in 100% French oak barriques (25% new) for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES :

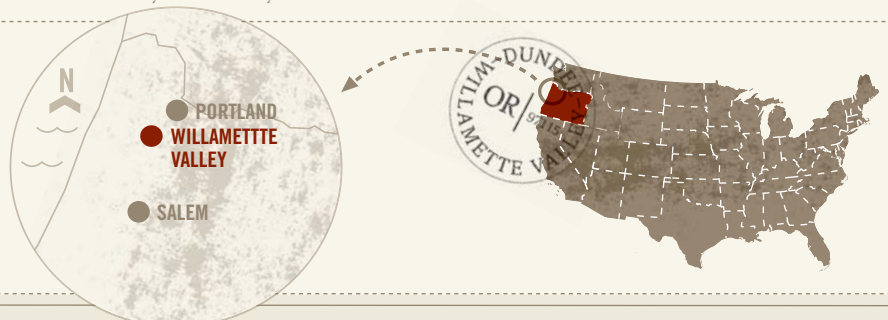
The 2015 Two Messengers shows layers of floral red fruit supported by notes of char, briar and restrained oak. The palate is youthful and energetic, driven by vibrant strawberry, cherry and plum flavors with savory notes adding depth. Well-integrated tannins fill the mouth while a fresh, mineral line of acidity provides structure and clarity towards the long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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



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