

2021 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

STRAIGHT SHOOTER PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKER: Felipe Ramirez
REGION: Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667)
MATURATION: 12 months in French oak barrels (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.9% alc/vol

VINTAGE: Following a heart-breaking 2020 in which early September wildfires wreaked havoc in Willamette Valley, the 2021 vintage was outstanding. It was another hot and dry year in Oregon which delivered really balanced and beautiful fruit, resulting in deeply-colored wines with intense aromatics for such young wines. The tannins seem to be right in line with lovely natural acidity meaning the 2021 vintage wines are likely going to be very enjoyable earlier and require less cellar time.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was 80% destemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were “infused” as whole berries and 20% as whole clusters at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in French oak barrels for 12 months, 10% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES: Floral notes of dried rose petals and fresh picked red fruits play with touches of cinnamon and nutmeg on the nose. Generous flavors of red cherry and raspberry swirl with subtle notes of vanilla. This wine graces the entire palate with smoothly textured tannins and ends with a spiced, pleasant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2021 vintage not yet rated. 2019: 89 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Wine Enthusiast

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

