

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: So much to celebrate following a heartbreaking 2020 vintage and its harvest-time wildfires in Willamette Valley. The 2021 vintage is outstanding; another hot and dry year in Oregon delivered balanced and beautiful fruit, resulting in deeply colored wines already showing intense aromatics. Tannins are falling right in line with lovely natural acidity, meaning 2021 vintage wines look to be very enjoyable in their youth, requiring little or no 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, with 20% as whole clusters at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen-rich environment until pressed. The wine matured in French oak barrels for 12 months, 10% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES: A seductive and silky wine with red cherry and cranberry aromas that offer plenty of appeal. Cherry and spice flavors mingle on the palate showing intensity, depth and plenty of structure. Smoothly textured tannins are evident, leading to a spiced, supple finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2019: 89 pts Wine Spectator

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 and Willamette Valley, 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.

