

2021 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

BOURGOGNE ROUGE



REGION:	Maconnais, Burgundy
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
MATURATION:	12 months in seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	12.5% alc/vol

VINEYARDS: Continuing the tradition in selective sourcing, this vintage arrives from multiple vineyards from the Côte Chalonnaise around Mercurey in the Saône-et-Loire.

VINTAGE: The 2021 Burgundy vintage was a mixed bag with some wild and unpredictable weather that caused low yields. After an early budbreak, unfortunately, frost set in. Summer's intermittent rains made rot and disease (like mildew) a very real threat. June warmed up, causing early flowering, then regional hail caused more damage. Although the remaining fruit did ripen – unusually the reds were quicker to ripen than the whites – the earlier stresses of hail, frost and rain had taken their toll resulting in one of Burgundy's smallest-ever vintages.

WINEMAKING: Grapes were hand-picked then fermented in stainless steel with gentle cap management to extract color and flavor without excessive phenolics. Matured in neutral French oak for 12 months to meld flavors and preserve fresh aromatics, while maintaining a fine structure.

TASTING NOTES: Light in color, almost translucent (indicative of the vintage), aromas of refined cherry and baking spice with hints of classic floral notes are unmistakably Pinot Noir. On the palate, more violets, Bing cherry, clove and rose hips garnish a core of red fruit. A polite, velvety texture on the palate delivers great depth of flavor with a fresh finish.

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 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'.

