

2022 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

FLEURIE CHATEAU VIVIER MONOPOLE



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in neutral French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol

VINEYARDS: Fleurie is known for an elegant, floral style. If Moulin-à-Vent is the King of Beaujolais, Fleurie is certainly the Queen, ranking among the most revered Beaujolais Crus. Chateau Vivier monopole is one of the oldest in the region. The east facing 50-year-old untrained vines are grown in deep granite hillside soils and produce lively, expressive wines.

VINTAGE: The 2022 vintage delivered a slightly larger-than-average crop and the season was marked by constant heat during the summer that nudged Gamay towards the brink of optimal ripeness. May was warm, June was very hot and interrupted by isolated storms that brought heavy rain and therefore rapid growth. July was hot and dry, August was the second warmest since 1959.

WINEMAKING: A majority of the fruit was de-stemmed and vinified in concrete. 25% was fermented as whole clusters with traditional carbonic maceration contributing a floral lift and intense primary fruit. After 2 weeks, the free-run juice was racked to stainless steel and neutral French oak where the wine continued its élevage.

TASTING NOTES: A quintessential example of Fleurie, lifted aromas of violets and rose waft from the glass. Juicy raspberry and black fruit flavors are present in this wine. It is beautifully balanced - crisp, juicy, ripe and delicious.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts, JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ: Driven by a tireless hunt for elusive vineyard sites, 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, Beaujolais 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.

