

2022 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

MOULIN-à-VENT TERRE DE THÉ



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in 3rd use French oak (25%), Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol

VINEYARDS: Known as the King of Beaujolais, the highly acclaimed Moulin-à-Vent Cru boasts the most full-bodied and structured wines found in the region. Maison L'Envoyé sources include south-facing, 60-year-old Gobelet pruned vines in the Terre de Thé. The distinctive pink granite soil produces wine with red and black fruit characters and a lengthy, complex finish.

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: Most of the fruit was de-stemmed and vinified in concrete; the remaining 30% fermented as whole clusters with half carbonic maceration contributing a spicy fragrant lift to the deep, muscular fruit. The wine matured 11 months in new French oak while the remainder stayed in stainless steel until the final blend.

TASTING NOTES: Medium-bodied with intense aromas of plush cherry and spice, accented by wet stone minerality. Raspberry, sage and black pepper notes with ample tannins showing nice integration through the long, mineral-infused finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 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.

