

## 2023 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS PINOT NOIR



**WINEMAKER:** Anne Sery  
**REGION:** Willamette Valley, Oregon  
**VARIETALS:** Pinot Noir  
**MATURATION:** 10 months in 100% French oak (25% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.9% alc/vol

**VINTAGE:** The season began with a notably cold and wet spring, leading to one of the latest budbreaks on record, occurring between April 27 and May 1. However, following budbreak, the weather shifted dramatically to warm and sunny conditions, with only a single rain event in June. This dry period allowed for rapid vine growth and fruit development. A brief heatwave in mid-August, with temperatures reaching 102-107°F, caused some heat damage, but overall, the weather remained favorable for ripening.

**WINEMAKING:** The fruit was handpicked and 70% de-stemmed, then underwent an indigenous ferment in two and five-ton stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were allowed to "infuse" as whole berries at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in French oak barriques (25% new) for 10 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** Finely composed notes of Bing cherry and pomegranate are in tune with an exotic spiciness on the nose. The intricate, sleek palate reaches out with luscious red fruits and a fine lift of tannin to reign it all in. Energized and compelling, the medium body and elegant mouthfeel are sure to engage.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 93 pts JamesSuckling.com

**ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ:** Driven by a tireless hunt for elusive sites where Pinot Noir shines, Maison L'Envoyé seeks out the best of regions and winemaking styles. With winemaking footprints in Burgundy, Beaujolais and Willamette Valley, they champion the 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.

