



2012 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 'LES MARCONNETS' 1^{er} CRU

REGION:	Côte de Beaune, Burgundy
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
MATURATION:	14 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	14% alc/vol TA: 6.06 g/L pH: 3.43

VINEYARDS:

Savigny-lès-Beaune, a humble commune off the beaten path in the northern reaches of the Côte de Beaune, is divided by the river Rhoin. On the southern side, closest to Beaune, the slope faces northeast; this is where the premier cru climat of Les Marconnets sits. The soil here is sandy and pebbly, rich in iron, and ideal for the aged vines which call it home.

WINEMAKING:

Indigenous yeast fermentation in seasoned barriques with gentle pigeage for the first two days, followed by pump overs without air to infuse the grapes for gentle color and flavor extraction. The wine is then matured for 14 months in seasoned oak barriques. Minimal intervention allows for complete terroir expression, including aromatic notes, gravelly texture and a compact, stony back palate typical of this small climat.

TASTING NOTES:

This wine displays the dichotomy of Savigny with an elegant fruit profile contrasted by savory notes. Petite, red berries share the palate with forest floor and roasted meats, sewn together by a taut mineral core and fine oak tannins. In a word: silky.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed.

ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ:

Originating in Burgundy, Maison L'Envoyé crafts this region's wine trinity: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Gamay Noir. Yet from this tenor of focus and commitment a global fellowship emerged, with terroir-driven Pinot Noir as the linchpin. Driven by the elusive hunt for the world's finest Pinot Noir sites, Maison L'Envoyé traverses the globe, presenting the many veils of regionality and winemaking style. With winemaking footprints in Burgundy, Willamette Valley, Central Otago and Tasmania, Maison L'Envoyé champions many unsung growers who have farmed their vineyards for decades and generations, some mere feet away from more illustriously cited neighbors. Maison L'Envoyé has been a standout since launching in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming it a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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