

2021 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

FLEURIE CHATEAU VIVIER MONOPOLE



REGION: Beaujolais, France
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in neutral French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.0% 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.

WINEMAKING: Half of the fruit was de-stemmed and vinified in concrete. The other half 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: Lifting aromas of violets and rose waft from the glass, along with red fruits and berries in this ruby-colored wine. Finely tuned flavors of pomegranate and fresh summer fruits are enlivened by a vibrant sense of acidity that leads to a supple finish. A racy wine with fine, well structured tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast

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.

