



2012 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ BOURGOGNE BLANC

REGION: Mâconnais, Burgundy
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 12-14 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | TA: 3.3 g/L | pH: 3.4

VINEYARDS:

The Mâconnais district's 21 mile stretch boasts a geology not dissimilar to the famed Côte de Beaune to its north. Mâcon's epicenter, Mont de Pouilly, rises gently with alkaline clay covering a stark limestone base, a nirvana for the Chardonnay vines that laze smugly along the river Saône. The vines are traditionally Guyot (cane) pruned and the best vineyards keep yields below three tons per acre. With favorable south east exposures and agreeable weather, the region produces generous, layered whites offering some of the best value in Burgundy.

WINEMAKING:

While Mâcon is known for its fresh, simple whites, recent investment by top Burgundian producers has resulted in more conscientious winemaking. The grapes were hand-picked on September 7th then pressed direct, settled overnight, and fermented with indigenous yeast in seasoned barriques. This wine is matured for 12-14 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

From two mature vineyards in La Roche Vineuse, this is a classic Chardonnay with nose of citrus fruits and lemon zest. The weighty, textured mid-palate boasts flavors of grilled nuts and stone fruit, while a long line of vibrant acidity enlivens the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

86 pts - Allen Meadow's Burghound.com

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 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 2014 including Wine & Spirits naming it a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.



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