

2011 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ BOURGOGNE ROUGE

REGION : Côte d'Or, Burgundy
VARIETALS : Pinot Noir (Clones: 877/114/119/113)
MATURATION : 12-14 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS : 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.48 | pH: 3.45

CÔTE D'OR :

Burgundy's famed 'golden slope' is a south-east facing escarpment that offers essential aspect in this continental climate, while Jurassic limestone provides unmatched minerality. Grand Cru Pinot Noirs of silken form are made in the northern Côte de Nuits, while the southern arc, the Côte de Beaune, boasts elegant Pinot Noirs alongside revered Grand Cru Chardonnays.

VINTAGE :

2011 was only the sixth time on record when harvest began in August. Fruit is described as 'uncommonly clean', such that triage focused largely on the removal of unripe bunches, rather than diseased fruit. The 'clean' fruit delivered red wines that are beautiful middleweights with modest but sufficient acidity. A cross between 2002 and 2007.

WINEMAKING :

Indigenous yeast fermentation in stainless steel with gentle cap management to extract color and flavor without excessive phenolics. Matured in neutral French oak for 12 – 14 months to meld flavors and preserve fresh aromatics without imparting dominant oak.

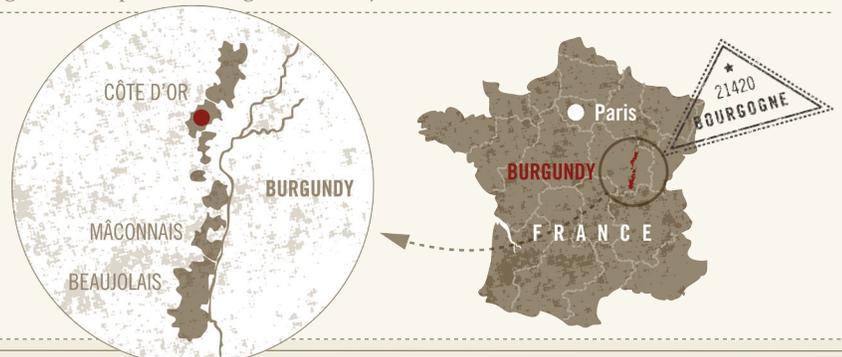
TASTING NOTES :

Comprising several village wines plus a component of 1'er Cru Savigny 'les Marconnets'. Raspberry aromas and baking spices lead, followed by crunchy red fruits, silky grape tannins and a nervy, acid backbone. Begs for charcuterie.

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 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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