



2012 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ MORGON - CÔTE DU PY

REGION: Beaujolais, Burgundy
VARIETALS: Gamay Noir
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 12.7% alc/vol | TA: 5.1 g/L | pH: 3.5

VINEYARDS:

Morgon produces hearty, expressive, long living Gamay, with the finest vineyards being situated along the Côte du Py. And it's here that 40 year old vines are planted, on schists rich in manganese and iron. This soil structure provides a mineral edge to the raspberry and dark red fruit characters typically seen. The grapes harvested here are very representative of the best this appellation can offer. The grapes were hand harvested on September 7th from pebbly soil, schistous, iron oxide rich, typical of this appellation.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was destemmed and the whole berries allowed to undergo a long, natural ferment utilizing wild yeasts in open top vessels. Maturation for 12 months in older French oak followed for subtle spice integration. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Côte du Py has a juicy texture full of raspberry/strawberry compote, earthy undercurrents and a refreshing thread of acidity. Really quite moreish yet will also age well over the next few years. This is no insipid Beaujolais.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts/Top 100 Best Buys of the Year - Wine & Spirits, 91 pts - Vinous

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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