



2014 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS

CONSULTING WINEMAKER:

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REGION:

Willamette Valley, Oregon

VARIETALS:

Pinot Noir
Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667

MATURATION:

12 months in 100% French oak (25% new)

ANALYSIS:

13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.67

VINTAGE:

The 2014 vintage in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime. From bud break through harvest, growers and winemakers experienced an almost ideal growing season. Conditions were mostly dry and warmer than normal throughout the spring providing a great environment for flowering and fruit set. The result was large clusters that ripened evenly over the course of the warm, dry summer.

AVAs & VINEYARDS:

Eola Amity - Eagle Crest, Eola Springs, Popcorn
McMinnville - Hyland
Willamette Valley - Croft
Yamhill Carlton - Fairsing, Gran Moraine, Stardance

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was 100% destemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in two and five-ton stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were "infused" as whole berries at a moderate temperature, in an oxygen rich environment until pressed. The wine then matured in 100% French oak barriques (25% new) for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES:

The wine opens with fresh red fruits aromas, light floral accents and notes of Asian spices. The palate is mouth-filling and lush with juicy primary fruit such as cherry and pomegranate balanced with an earthy complexity. Vibrant acidity and supple tannins support the flavors through a long, satisfying finish. Sometimes the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts - Vinous, 89 pts - Wine Spectator

ABOUT MAISON L'ENVOYÉ:

Driven by a tireless hunt for elusive sites where Pinot Noir shines, 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, Willamette Valley and Tasmania, we 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 our debut in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming Maison L'Envoyé a 'Winery To Watch' in 2015.

