



## 2013 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ TWO MESSENGERS PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**91 pts** "Light and polished, with white pepper–accented raspberry and floral flavors that persist against fine tannins on the long and precise finish."

**Harvey Steiman**  
Wine Spectator  
December 2015

**91 pts/BEST BUY** "It takes a day for this pinot to shed its oak robe and tarry spice, revealing a bright red core of fruit, like sun-warmed cherries, the texture feels light, lifted, the acids and tannins working together with an effortless harmony. A Wednesday-night pinot."

**Patrick Comiskey**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
October 2015

**90 pts** "Perhaps the 'Two Messengers' tag reflects the collaboration between Burgundy's Louis-Michael Liger-Belair and the Willamette Valley. Or perhaps it's the combination of two complementary flavors – ripe fruit and savory nuances. Whatever the origin of the name, the wine is easy to recommend because it does bring together the Janus-like essence of Pinot Noir, with bright red fruit notes harmonized with earthy complexity. A touch of welcome bitterness in the finish prevents it from being just another ripe New World Pinot Noir. It's a great roast chicken kind of wine."

**Michael Apstein**  
WineReviewOnline.com  
December 22, 2015

**90 pts** "Vivid red. Raspberry, fresh flowers and blood orange on the perfumed nose. Silky and tightly focused on the palate, offering zesty red fruit flavors, with a hint of five-spice powder emerging with aeration. Finishes refreshingly brisk, with just a hint of fine-grained tannins."

**Josh Raynolds**  
Vinous  
October 2015



**90 pts** “The 2013 Two Messengers was matured in 30% new oak. It has a fresh and vibrant bouquet with wild strawberry and red cherry scents: nicely focused and vivacious for the 2013 vintage. The palate is lively on the entry with supple, quite tensile tannin and plenty of citrus fruit lending tension and poise. For me, this is a step forward over the 2012, and at thirty dollars, represents outstanding value.”

**Neal Martin**  
**Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
**March 2015**

**GOLD MEDAL** “An inviting lavender, cola and smoky nose leads to an elegant, medium-bodied palate of ripe raspberry and cherry, with crisp acidity freshening the finish.”

**Sunset International Wine Competition 2015**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**Riverside International Wine Competition 2015**

