

2019 MAISON L'ENVOYÉ

TWO MESSENGERS PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKER: Felipe Ramirez
REGION: Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir (Clones: Pommard/114/115/777/Wadensvil/667)
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.8% alc/vol | TA: 5.9 | pH: 3.56

VINTAGE: The 2019 vintage was a defining vintage. The temperatures during the growing season were much cooler than normal so patience was key. Careful sorting and extensive fruit-dropping in the vineyard was necessary to ensure that the remaining fruit ripened to full maturity. The grapes were hand sorted again once received into the winery to achieve optimal quality. With the cool conditions this year, the wines retain a wonderful acidity and great flavor development.

AVAs & VINEYARDS: Eola Amity - Eagle Crest, Eola Springs, Popcorn. McMinnville - Hyland. Yamhill Carlton - Fairsing, Gran Moraine, Stardance. Willamette Valley - Croft

WINEMAKING: The fruit was 100% de-stemmed and underwent an indigenous ferment in two and five-ton stainless steel open top tanks. The grapes were allowed to “infuse” 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 nose is fresh and approachable upon release, and opens up with a vibrant mixture of sour cherry, rhubarb, iron essence and graphite. The palate is succulent and filled with tart cranberries and blueberries. Generous acidity and polished tannins bring into being a dynamic yet harmonious Willamette Valley Pinot Noir.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts Vinous, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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, California, Central Otago and Tasmania, they 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 its debut in 2011 including Wine & Spirits naming Maison L'Envoyé a ‘Winery To Watch’ in 2015.

