

# 2021 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:** So much to celebrate following a heartbreaking 2020 vintage and its harvest-time wildfires in Willamette Valley. The 2021 vintage is outstanding; another hot and dry year in Oregon delivered balanced and beautiful fruit, resulting in deeply-colored wines already showing intense aromatics. Tannins are falling right in line with lovely natural acidity, meaning 2021 vintage wines look to be very enjoyable in their youth, requiring little or no cellar time.

**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, opening 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:** Not yet rated. 2019 vintage: 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts Wine & Spirits, 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.

