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Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard

Owner: Fontaine family

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Founded: 1985

Annual Production: 6,000cs

Description: Tracing its roots to the esteemed Gagnard-Delagrangue vineyard holdings, Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard was founded in 1985 and has quickly become one of the top producers in Chassagne-Montrachet. With holdings in three Grand Cru and twelve Premier Cru vineyards at her disposal, proprietor Celine Fontaine crafts intense and complex yet classically-balanced wines that have become critical and commercial darlings.

Wine Notes – 2019 Fontaine-Gagnard Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru

Despite being relatively youthful by Burgundian standards, Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard has rapidly become one of Chassagne-Montrachet's most indispensable and important producers. Boasting over 12 hectares of vineyard holdings in three Grand Crus and twelve Premier Crus, including such mythic parcels as Le Montrachet, Batard-Montrachet, Les Caillerets and La Romanee, the domaine is renowned for producing wines that are always among the finest and most authentic expressions of their respective terroirs. The Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru comes from vines planted on the favored Chassagne side of the vineyard. The domaine is one of the lucky few to own parcels in this renowned appellation and the wine Celine produces is an apt representative of this legendary terroir. Laser-focused flavors and a mineral edge hint at the limestone-based soils and the elegance and restraint reveal a wine made for the long-haul. Extraordinary.

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Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	Batard-Montrachet
Vine Age / Yields:	Three parcels planted between 1930 and 1986 (average age 63 yrs), southeast and southwest facing, 250-340 meters altitude
Average Production Volume:	75 cases
Soil Types:	Callovian oolite brown limestone with clay and silt, 10% gravel
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested grapes, sustainable agriculture 10-15 day primary fermentation using native yeast in stainless steel Malolactic fermentation in custom oak barrels Aged 11 months in custom 1/3 rd new oak barrels, 1/3 rd 2-year old barrels, 1/3 rd 3-year old barrels Filtered and fined (casein and bentonite)
Alcohol / Volume:	13.5%

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A cooler and very pure nose freely offers up its aromas of spice, various citrus elements and ripe white fleshed fruit, in particular white peach. The delicious, intense and beautifully textured medium weight plus flavors possess focused power and fine detail on the balanced and strikingly long finish. This is a Bâtard of finesse and understated rather than overt muscle and imposing size and weight.

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The 2019 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru has a rather terse bouquet, more saline than the Criots, touches of oyster shell coming through with time in the glass. The palate is well balanced with more weight and density than the Criots, grippy and saline with a long spicy aftertaste. This is excellent - but serious and warranting cellaring for three or four years.

94 points (Neal Martin)